DOMAINE DE LA JANASSE

Côtes-du-Rhône Rosé

Over the last quarter-century, Domaine de la Janasse has become one of the most highly-regarded estates in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Led by siblings Christophe and Isabelle Sabon, the estate combines the best of both traditional and modern techniques to craft a collection of truly riveting wines from "simple" value-priced VDP's to their benchmark Châteauneufs.

The estate was founded in 1976 by Aimé Sabon, the father of Christophe and Isabelle, who still oversees the vineyards. The property consists of 40 hectares, spread over as many as 70 different parcels throughout the appellation. Their terroirs range from sandy soils, in their well-known plots in the North of the appellation – Chapouin and La Janasse– to lightly-colored clay-limestone soils and gravelly red clay and galets, most notably in La Crau in the South. While Aimé works the vineyards organically, his children, Christophe and Isabelle, are in charge of wine production. Christophe is a self-proclaimed "great defender of Grenache," which represents 75% of their vines. With assistance from Aimé's farming and Isabelle's efforts in the cellar, he harnesses the typical exuberance of Grenache-based wines through careful vinifications that respect both terroir and vintage. The results are a wide range of rich and flavorful Châteauneuf-du-Papes, Côtes-du-Rhônes, and Vins de Pays that are complex and balanced – often in contradiction to a region better known for sheer size and power.

The Côtes-du-Rhône Rosé from Domaine de la Janasse is made by bleeding the tanks and vats of the Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge. It is a blend of mainly Grenache (50%), with Cinsault (30%), Syrah (10%) and Counoise (10%). After the wine is bled, it finishes fermentation and aging in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks.

LOCATION
France, Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL
Clay limestone, galets, sand

ELEVATION
50 meters

FARMING
Sustainable

VARIETIES
Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault

AGE OF VINES
10-60 years-old

FERMENTATION
Hand harvested, saignée from their Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge, fermentation finishes in tank

AGING
3 months in tank

ACCOLADES

90 - *2022, Jeb Dunnuck*
90 - *2022, James Suckling*
90 - *2022, Wine Advocate*

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