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Domaine Les Pallières

Gigondas

Gigondas Racines

Grower

Domaine Les Pallières is a single estate of 135 hectares in the far north of the Gigondas appellation, 25 hectares of vines in an elevated, hidden bowl at 250 to 400 metres, facing north west and surrounded by pine and oak woodland and wild garrigue. It was acquired in 1998 by the Brunier family of Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe with their friend Kermit Lynch. Small wooden and concrete vats allow very small parcels to be picked at optimum ripeness, and the wines are matured in large foudres with little new oak.

Vineyards

Entirely from parcels in the lieu-dit Les Pallières around the house, on north west facing terraces at about 250 metres. Racines comes from the estate's oldest vines and about 60% of the plantings. Single-row terraces on very steep slopes, where the shallow soil, partly covered by limestone scree from the Dentelles de Montmirail, sits on a compact layer of red clay.

Vinification

Gentle crushing and selective destemming, followed by 25 to 30 days of traditional fermentation in temperature-controlled concrete and wooden vats. Full malolactic fermentation. Matured for 20 months in 60 hectolitre French oak foudres, then bottled without fining or filtration and released at two years.

Style

A Gigondas with the velvet, depth and harmony of old Grenache grown on fine terroir. Its balance gives it great ageing potential. Serve at 17°C.

Grape varieties:
80% Grenache Noir, 15% Syrah and Cinsault (interplanted), 5% Clairette

Bottling options:
75cl, 1.5l

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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