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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Le Télégramme



Grower

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe has been run by the Brunier family since 1891, when Henri Brunier gave his son Hippolyte plots on La Crau, the stony plateau above Bédarrides where Claude Chappe had built an optical telegraph tower. The fifth and sixth generations of the family now run the domaine. The vines are farmed following organic principles, ploughed and never irrigated, and every grape is picked by hand and sorted three times.

Vineyards

The domaine's second red Châteauneuf-du-Pape, from 30 hectares: the younger vines of the domaine, together with older parcels that lie outside the plateaux of La Crau and Piedlong.

Vinification

The grapes are fully destemmed, followed by 25 to 30 days of traditional fermentation in temperature-controlled vats. Pneumatic pressing and full malolactic fermentation. Matured for 15 to 16 months in French oak foudres of 30 to 60 hectolitres, then bottled without fining or filtration and released at 18 months.

Style

A Grenache-led Châteauneuf-du-Pape with a supple, rounded texture, made to be enjoyed in its youth. Serve at 17°C.

Grape varieties:
80% Grenache Noir, 10% Syrah, 6% Mourvèdre, 4% Cinsault

Bottling options:
37.5cl, 75cl, 1.5l

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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