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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Piedlong Châteauneuf-du-Pape



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

11 hectares in two distinct sites. The Grenache comes from 9 hectares on the stony Piedlong plateau, in the heart of the appellation north of the village and its highest point: Miocene molasse on stony clay, covered by galets roulés. The Mourvèdre comes from 2 hectares in the lieu-dit Pignan, east of Piedlong, one of the few parts of the appellation with sandy topsoil, over clay, sand and a friable stone known as pierre de Châteauneuf.

Vinification

Gentle crushing and selective destemming, followed by at least 30 days of traditional fermentation in temperature-controlled concrete and wooden vats. Pneumatic pressing and full malolactic fermentation. Matured for 20 to 22 months in 60 hectolitre French oak foudres, then bottled without fining or filtration and released at two years.

Style

A Châteauneuf-du-Pape pitched between richness and freshness, power and finesse, with plenty of depth and its mineral character to the fore. Serve at 17°C.

Grape varieties:
90% Grenache Noir, 10% Mourvèdre

Bottling options:
75cl, 1.5l

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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