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Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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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

50 hectares on the stony Plateau de la Crau, in the south east of the appellation where the villages of Bédarrides, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Courthézon meet. Miocene molasse, 1 to 1.5 metres deep, sits on a thick layer of clay with a high stone content and is covered by a blanket of Alpine diluvium, the rounded pebbles known as galets roulés.

Vinification

Gentle crushing and selective destemming, followed by 30 to 40 days of traditional fermentation in temperature-controlled stainless steel 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 classic red Châteauneuf-du-Pape, fine and elegant, with the distinctive minerality of La Crau. The best vintages age for 25 years and more. Serve at 17°C.

Grape varieties:
65% Grenache Noir, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, Clairette and other varieties

Bottling options:
37.5cl, 75cl, 1.5l, 3l

Closure:
Cork

Suitable for:
Vegetarians and vegans



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