



Domaine du Colombier

AOC Hermitage Rouge

Domaine du Colombier is located in the village of Mercuroil which is just slightly due east of Tain, and next to the hill of Hermitage where they own 1.6 hectares of 55 years old vines. Following their grandfather, Florent and David Viale took over the Domaine du Colombier in 1990. Once dedicated to trading only when the grapes were sold to Guigal until the contract expired in 1991, the two brothers have turned the 12 hectares estate into one of the most important producers around the Hermitage Mountain where they cultivate with organic practices. They mainly grow Marsanne for white wines and Syrah for red wines, with the latter being the only red variety of the appellation.



COUNTRY

France

VARIETAL

100% Syrah

SOIL TYPE

Red clay, chalk, granite, limestone, and gravel influenced by the Rhône river and its alluvial

VINEYARD

50+ y/o vines from two plots of 4 acres total: Les Beaumes and La Grande Diognière located 492 feet above sea level. Planted in high density (6,500 to 7,000 vines per hectare) and trellised on échelas (bean poles)

HARVEST

Manual Harvest & Sorting

VINIFICATION

Maceration with 65% whole clusters for around 26 days with pump-overs occurring twice each day. Aged in Demi-muid 600L barrels (20% new, 40%, 2nd fill, 40% 3rd fill) for 20 months prior to release.

TASTING NOTES

Highly fragrant bouquet evoking fresh black and blue fruits, exotic spices, olive, pipe tobacco and candied flowers with smoky mineral note building up as the wine opens up. Juicy and sharply focused on the mineral-inflected palate, offering impressively long finish, tannins and lingering spiciness.

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