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Côte du Rhône

Domaine Fact Sheet

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Appellation

The Côtes du Rhône appellation area is very spread out and includes around 10,000 producers making 250 million bottles of wine. The vineyards are mostly located in the south of the Rhône Valley.

The Côtes du Rhône wines are very varied although 95% of the production is red. The red wines are either full-bodied and tannic, or light and fruity.

Situation

171 villages, located along the Rhône River, mainly in the south of the Rhône Valley. The predominantly Mediterranean climate benefits from hot, very sunny days, and is balanced by seasonal rains and the influence of the Mistral Wind. The grape varieties permitted for this appellation are dominated by the Grenache (40% minimum).

Terroir

Clay-limestone soil - rounded pebbles ("galets roulés").

Colors and grape varieties

Mostly red.
Grenache,
Syrah,
Mourvèdre,
Carignan,
Cinsault,
Carignan,
Counoise,
Muscardin,
Vaccarèse,
Terret.

Production area

105,000 acres of vineyards, scattered over 171 districts and six departments (Ardèche, Drôme, Gard, Loire, Rhône and Vaucluse).
1,500 producers.

Production

58,117,000 gallons
95% red wine

Domaine de Lambisque - Suze-la-Rousse

The Domaine

Domaine de Lambisque comprises of 65 acres of vineyards located in the areas of Bollène and Suze-la-Rousse in the northern Côtes-du-Rhône. The vines, planted on permeable soil, are located on a plateau of smooth pebbles ("galets roulés"). The Domaine's name comes from the Provençal word "Lambrusco", which means "wild vines", evidence that there were vines growing in the area in very ancient times.

The Producers

This Domaine was acquired by the head of the Lambilly family in the 1940's and was then passed down to his grandchildren of the Mathieu de Vienne family. Today the Domaine is managed by Claire and her husband, Philippe d'Autume, a former naval officer who retrained to work in viticulture. When the couple decided to take over management of the Domaine, they turned to distant relatives, Catherine and Laurent Delaunay, for advice and assistance. Since then, the two couples have been working closely together, the property has been taken in hand and major investments in wine-growing and wine-making equipment have been made.

Viticulture

The technical team who works with Catherine and Laurent Delaunay has also been called on to help. Agronomist, Hilde Chevillot, directs vineyard management, and oenologist, Sylvain Colson, supervises vinification and aging.

The Estate

In 2013, an opportunity arose to purchase 15 acres of vines in Suze-la-Rousse and Catherine and Laurent Delaunay acquired them, adding these vineyards to the estate and creating an even closer collaboration. The Domaine now comprises 65 acres of vineyards.

Production

100.000 bottles/year.

The Blend

75 % Grenache, 15 % Cinsault, 5 % Carignan, 5 % Syrah. Deep, fruity and well-balanced with a fresh hint of licorice. Light aging in oak adds a touch of complexity.

