

DOMAINE DES BOUZONS

CÔTES DU RHÔNE – BELLE FONT

Story

Located in the Meridional part of the Côtes du Rhône, just in front of Châteauneuf du Pape, this old estate has been in the same family for 6 generations. Today, Marc Serguier, his wife and his son Nicolas are working all together on the 30 ha vineyard, producing AOP Côtes du Rhone.

Nicolas, representing the new generation, started the conversion toward organic farming, eliminating chemical inputs and favoring more natural techniques, the refrains of a work philosophy cultivated and enriched over the years.

Farming philosophy : Organic (certification in 2023)

« Belle font » is the name of the water source in their forest of white oaks

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 30% Roussanne, 30% Grenache Blanc, 30% viogner, 10% Clairette

Plot Size : 1,14 Ha (2,81 acres)

Average age of the vines : 20 years

All facing

Elevation : 105m

Soils : Sandy,clay-limestone , rolled pebbles at the top of the plot

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Cordon de Royat
- Covered crops in the vineyard (Every 3 rows : 1 row of clover, the 2 others of vesce flower) : to fix nitrogen and enrich the soil
- No herbicide or synthetic inputs
- Essential oils (Orange Peel) against vine diseases (Mildiou)

Winemaking

- Hand-picked grapes / Destemmed (100%)
- Direct pneumatic press
- Cold settling for 4 hours at 46°F
- Co-fermentation of all varieties in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks / 18-20 days at 57°F
- Aging : 6 months in stainless-steel tanks / on lees with light stirring
- Fined : yes
- Filtration : tangential
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

White blossoms, stone fruits and subtil aromas of citrus in a crispy, medium-bodied white. Nicely aromatic and refreshing.



Press ratings

89 pts – Wine Enthusiast – 2019 vintage

90 pts – James Suckling – 2018 vintage