

DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE

VENTOUX - DIVERGENTE

RHÔNE

Story

The Domaine de Fondrèche estate is situated at the foot of Mont Ventoux, the famous mountain in the Vaucluse department of the South of France, and covers a surface area of 38 hectares. For over twenty years the vineyard has been tended using natural methods to create a harmony between the vines, the earth, and the surrounding environment, and to produce wines that reflect the local terroir. The yield of each varietal is reasoned, no chemical weed killers are used, and the earth is worked mechanically to strengthen the natural defences of the vines, encouraging the roots to burrow deeper and thereby protecting the vines from bad weather. Fondrèche is a unique place, with a special terroir and climate due to the influence of Mont Ventoux which brings currents of cold air and leads to big differences in temperature between day and night.

Grape varieties

Old vines Syrah

Terroir

This wine is made only in exceptional years and in limited quantities. Unique soil, sub-soil, microclimate, and exposure in a quest for perfection.

Divergente is a parcellary wine made from the grapes of old Syrah vines planted in 1955 with very small yields on a clay-chalk soil facing the rising sun.

Winemaking

Partial destemming.

Long vatting for 3 to 4 weeks with limited extraction.

Aged for 12 months - 2/3 in foudres and 1/3 in barrels.

Tasting notes

Dark purple colour. A nose of ripe raspberries, blueberries, spring flowers, and violet followed by slightly toasted notes. The mouth feel is opulent without being heavy, full-bodied without going over the top, with tannins that are present but smooth. A pure and elegant wine with exceptional persistence.

Pairing suggestions

Perfect pairing with wild boar stew, grilled steak, pork pluma with thyme.



Press ratings

93-95 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2018 vintage

94-96 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2017 vintage

97 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2016 vintage

93-95 pts Wine Advocate – 2016 vintage