

DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE

VENTOUX – PERSIA

RHÔNE

Story

The Domaine de Fondrèche estate is situated at the foot of Mont Ventoux, particularly famous thanks to the Tour de France, on a plateau where cattle used to drink. In fact, « Frondrèche » means the spring in Provencal dialect. Created in 1991, Domaine de Fondrèche is now run by Sebastien Vicenti, the 2nd generation working on the estate. It covers an area of 52 hectares of vines and 20 ha of woods. Thanks to a major vineyard restructuring, 3 different types of soils/locations were identified, each one assigned to a specific production.

Farming philosophy : Organic and biodynamic (No certification)

« Persia » refers to the painter Alfred Persia, whose paintings represent the landscapes of the Ventoux and the region.

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 90% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre

Plot size : 5 ha (12,5 acres)

Average age of the vines : 35-40 years

North & South facing

Elevation : 250m (820 ft)

Soils : Silex-Cristalline plot. Microclimate of the Fondrèche plateau

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot
- No herbicides
- Regular work of the soils (develop the roots, protect the vine)
- Decoction and infusion of plants (horsetail, nettle, willow)
- Cover crop
- Use of the lunar calendar
- Organic treatments

Winemaking

- Hand-picked grapes / Destemmed with sorting
- Indigenous yeasts
- Fermentation : temperature-controlled concrete tank / 20 days
- Maceration technique : some plungings
- Pneumatic press
- SO2 only added after the malo
- Aging : 12 months in new French barrels & large Austrian barrels
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <50ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

A nose of crème de cassis, violet, graphite and light wood.
Full, fleshy and rich palate with elegant tannins. A complete and racy wine.



Press Ratings

93 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2020 vintage

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90-92 pts Wine Advocate – 2019 vintage