

DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE

VENTOUX

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, « Frondreche » means the spring in Provençal 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)

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre

Plot size : 28 ha (69 acres)

Average age of the vines : 40-45 years

Facing : North & South facing

Elevation : 250-400m

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

FARMING PRACTICES

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

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Destemmed with sorting
- Yeast : indigenous
- Long vatting to integrate the tannins
- Alcoholic fermentation : Temperature controlled concrete and stainless steel tank / 21-28 days
- Malolactic fermentation : New Oak barrels & ovoid tank
- Maceration technique : some plunging
- Pneumatic press
- SO2 added after the malo
- Aging : 12 months in new Oak barrels, wooden tun and ovoid concrete tank
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <50ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

A beautiful, exotic nose of wild raspberries, strawberries, candied violets, and peppery garrigue.. A generous, harmonious, round and silky palate. A wine to "crunch". This flows to a medium-bodied, pure, incredibly elegant Ventoux.



Press Ratings

92 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2020 vintage

92 pts Wine Advocate – 2019 vintage

92 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2018 vintage