

# DOMAINE DE FONDRÈCHE

## VENTOUX

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### 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 Provençal dialect.

Created in 1991, Domaine de Fondrèche is now run by Sebastien Vicenti, the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 : 30% Grenache blanc, 30% Roussonne, 30% Clairette, 10% Rolle

Plot size : 10 ha (25 acres)

Average age of the vines : 25-30 years

North facing

Elevation : 250-400m (820-1310 ft)

Soils : limestone

#### 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 by night / Destemmed
- Pneumatic press under nitrogen
- Cold settling : 10 days
- Fermentation : Temperature controlled stainless steel tank / 20 days – no malolactic fermentation
- SO2 only added after the fermentation
- Aging : 6 months in concrete tank / on lees
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm    Vegan : Yes

### Tasting notes

An expressive nose of white flowers, peach and grapefruit. A tonic palate of citrus fruits where the minerality and the salinity bring a beautiful freshness.



### Press ratings

92 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2018 vintage

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