

Story

The Domaine Lombard estate was founded in 1981 by Jean-Marie and Sylvette Lombard, who contributed to the revival of the Brézème appellation after it was decimated by the phylloxera outbreak, falling from 250 acres to just a few acres in the 1930s.

In 2012, they retired and a new dynamic team led by Emmanuelle and Julien Montagnon took over the estate. With passion, commitment, and courage they replanted part of the vineyards, secured more land and finally built a brand new winery. They currently own 5 acres of Syrah and Viognier on the Vin de Pays de Drôme appellation and 18 acres of Syrah, Roussanne and Marsanne in Brézème.

Grape variety

100% Syrah

Average age of the vines : 50 to 80 yo

Terroir

Brézème takes its name from "braise" (ember in French) as a reference to the warm, steep, south-facing slopes of the appellation.

Cool nights and warm days give wines with great minerality and freshness, typical of the northern Rhône climate. Syrah is the only red varietal allowed.

The soil is made up of layers of limestone, pebble stones from the Rhône River and calcareous marl from the Drôme River.

It is thanks to Eugène de Monicault that the Brézème appellation survived the phylloxera outbreak.

Winemaking

Organic and biodynamic methods.

Fermentation in concrete tanks with indigenous yeasts for 1 month without punching down.

Aged for over 12 months in used barrels (one wine).

Bottled unfiltered

Tasting notes

Color : intense and strong with purple hints

Nose : deep bouquet developing in a decanter. Dark berries, liquorice, roasted coffee.

Palate : tight and silky tannins. Typical flavors of the Syrah from Northern Rhône

Pairing suggestions

An excellent wine to accompany game birds or Charolais beef.



Press ratings

91pts Vinous – 2014 Vintage

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