

DOMAINE LOMBARD

CÔTES DU RHÔNE BRÉZÈME - LA TOUR DU DIABLE

RHÔNE

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

Terroir

Brézème takes its name from "braise" which means 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.

La Tour du Diable plot is perched at the top of the steepest slope of Brézème, facing due south.

Winemaking

Organic and biodynamic agricultural practices.
100% whole bunches. Fermentation with indigenous yeast in a pyramidal concrete vat for 6 weeks without plunging.

Aged for over 14 months in used barrels (one wine).

Bottled filtered.

Production : 1000 bottles/year.

Tasting notes

Ample and deep wine. The limestone soil gives it a great aromatic precision characterized by dark berries and spices. The taste is energized by the use of whole bunches which bring flavor and freshness. Long finish.

Pairing suggestions

Drink it with meaty stews such as sausage and chorizo casserole or braised rabbit, or with hard cheeses such as Comté.



Press ratings

94 pts Vinous – 2015 vintage

90 pts Wine Advocate – 2013 vintage

92 pts Vinous – 2013 vintage