

DOMAINE LOMBARD

CÔTES DU RHÔNE BRÉZÈME

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

Average age of the vines : 15-20 yo

Yields : under 35hl/ha

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.

Altitude : 600ft. to 900ft.

Winemaking

Low interventionist fermentation with indigenous yeasts, partly in whole clusters, in stainless steel vats, pump over.

Aged in concrete tanks for 10-12 months.

Light filtering if needed

Conversion to biodynamic in progress to obtain certification (vintage 2018).

Tasting notes

Color : bright purple

Nose : floral aromas of violets, hickory, smoke and cured ham

Palate : medium body. Silky texture. Flavors of wild berries. Refreshing finish

Pairing suggestions

Platter of cold meats, steak tartare, country patés, etc.



Press ratings

91 pts Vinous – 2016 vintage

90 pts Wine Spectator – 2015 vintage

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