# CHÂTEAU GIGOGNAN

# CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES -BOIS DES MOINES

### Story

In the heart of the Rhône Valley, a 10 minutes drive from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, lies Château Gigognan, a ancient vineyard from the Roman era, whose winemaking traditions have deep roots in the history of the region. The estate has known several different incarnations. It wasn't until 1996 that Gigognan turned a new page in its history, when it was bought by a local entrepreneur. In 2017, a new team of professionals and experts were put in place and the vineyard underwent an unprecedented renewal. Château Gigognan covers 110 ha of which 40 ha are in AOP Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 23 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Signargues, 23 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône Villages and 24 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône.

Farming philosophy: Organic certification in 2010

Cuvée from a parcel selection that overlooks Château Gigognan.

### Vineyard Information

Grape varieties: 60% Grenache noir, 25% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre

Plot size: 1,77 ha (4,37 acres)

Average age of the vines: 25-30 years

South facing

Elevation: 50m (165 ft)

Soils: Ancient terraces on sand and marly limestone

#### **FARMING PRACTICES**

- Training method: Guyot
- No herbicides or synthetic compounds, only organic soil enriching agents
- Green harvesting some years (thinning out the leaves)
- Cover crops
- Mowing by sheep in April

### Winemaking

- Handpicked / Destemmed with sorting
- Fermentation: Temperature controlled concrete tank / 10 days
- Maceration: 3-4 weeks
- Pneumatic press
- Aging: 18 months in seasoned oak barrels (25%) and concrete egg tanks (75%), then 6 months in concrete tank / on fine lees
- Fined: No
- Filtration: Yes
- SO2 Total: <100ppm
- Vegan: Yes

# Tasting notes

Subtle and generous of black fruits (blueberry blackcurrant) and licorice, associated with spicy notes.

Soft and silky tannins



# Press Ratings

95 pts Decanter- 2022 vintage 91 pts James Suckling- 2019 vintage 90 pts Jed Dunnuck – 2019 vintage

