

CHÂTEAU GIGOGNAN

CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES – SIGNARGUES

Story

In the heart of the Rhône Valley, a 10 minutes drive from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, lies Château Gigognan, an ancient vineyard from the Roman times, whose winemaking tradition has deep roots into the history of the region. The estate has known several different lives. It wasn't until 1996 that Gigognan turned a new page in its history when it was bought by a local entrepreneur. In 2012, a new team of professionals and experts was put in place and the vineyard underwent an unprecedented renewal and investments. Château Gigognan covers 100 ha of which 40 ha are in AOC 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

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 40% Grenache noir, 33% Carignan, 20% syrah, 7% Mourvèdre

Plot size : 0,8 ha (1,97 acres)

Average age of the vines : 25-30 ans

South facing

Elevation : 150m (490 ft)

Soils : Limestone Clay, marly sands & rolled pebbles

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Guyot
- No herbicides
- Green harvesting some years (thinned out the leaves)
- Cover crops
- Mowing by sheep in April
- Organic treatments

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Partially destemmed with sorting
- Fermentation : temperature-controlled concrete tank / 10 days
- Pneumatic press
- Aging : 12 months in seasoned oak barrels (40%) and concrete tank (60%), then 6 months in concrete tank / on fine lees
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Nose with aromas of spices, green pepper, bergamot and wild blackberries enhanced by a floral side as well as a touch of oak. A palate showing energy and freshness thanks to a mineral touch and a fine tannin

