

The winery, passed from generation to generation since the 14th century, extends over 35 acres of sand and large pebbles, nearly half of which is planted with one-hundred-year-old Grenache.

"We put our heart and soul into winemaking and are deeply-rooted in Châteauneuf du Pape. We are proud of our heritage, down-to-earth, and hard working, and aim to offer you the best possible wine, while continually striving for excellence."

DOMAINE LA BARROCHE



This signature blend offers a singular wine personality, a delicate alchemy of spices and well-ripened black fruits, a delight for the senses.

"This cuvée is the one which captures the most the essence of the estate and my winegrower philosophy. My approach to wine has taken me on a quest to reveal the best of the terroir. We have made this wine with the greatest of care, taking into account the effects of both the earth and sky on the grapes and wine. While in the vineyard, we use only organic fertilizers, harvest the fruit by hand, and meticulously select our grapes. Once in the cellar, we practice gentle extraction and long, careful ageing."

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BLEND

55% Grenache

from a plot at the junction of "Palestor" and "Bois Dauphin" districts and one at the junction of "Grand Pierre", "Rayas" and "Pointu" districts as well as "Cabrières", "Boursan" and "Pied Long" blocks.

25% Mourvèdre

from "Les Mascaronnes" and "Boursan" plots.

13% Syrah

from "Le Parc" and "Cabrières" plots.

5% Cinsault

from "Pierre à feu" plots.

2% Others

Representative soils of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (yellow and red sand, red clay, large pebbles) with a high proportion of sand. Average age of the vines : more than 70 years old. The 2013 vintage experienced significant shatter on the Grenache, resulting in very low yields. To retain the Grenache identity of Signature, Grenache grapes typically designated for the Pure bottling have been added to this cuvee.



VITICULTURE

John Sanov

Rigorous bud pruning. Furthermore, green harvesting and leaf thinning are done. The picking is entirely by hand, with sorting in the vineyard and again in the cellar.

WINE-MAKING AND AGING

Wine-making in underground concrete vats. Destemming of underripe stalks.

The wine stays on the skins for over 4 weeks. Gentle extractions.

The Grenache is aged in old oak casks.

The Mourvedre and the Syrah are aged on its lees in 600 liter barrels used to age 1 to 3 previous vintages.

The Cinsault is aged in stainless steel tanks. Aging lasts approximately 18 months. The wine is not filtered before bottling.

TASTING

"Brilliant success in the vintage and offers serious ripeness in its black cherry, blackberry, ground herbs and dried spice-driven bouquet. Medium to full-bodied, pure, elegant and layered, it has rocking sweetness to its tannin and ample length."

Jeb Dunnuck for Robert Parker - Octobre 2014

"Dark crimson, Very concentrated. Juicy and fruity with structure. Racy and lively. A hint of meat extract... Sweet and fresh."

Jancis Robinson – November 2014