



DOMAINE DE BEURENARD



Domaine de Beurenard - Rasteau 2021

AOC Rasteau, Vallée du Rhône, France

PRESENTATION

Since 1980, Domaine de Beurenard, property of the Coulon family, has also been cultivating a vineyard on stepped hillsides in the Rasteau appellation. On these sharp terroirs surrounded by vast swathes of woodland and garrigue, biodynamic farming reveals its full expression.

THE VINTAGE

The 2021 vintage is once again characterized by a very mild winter, leading to early bud bursting, with serious consequences.

Indeed, during the night of April 7 to 8, a terrible episode of spring frost shook France. Temperatures dropped sharply to -4.5°C on our Rasteau vines. The loss of harvest will be significant. Strong fortunately, our practices of soft pruning, late pruning as well as the application of Valerian allowed us to contain the damage.

The season was punctuated by many meticulous treatments. He us had to accompany the vine in its growth this year while keeping the strategic shoots for the 2022 season. The summer was hot, without excessive temperature and with cool nights. A few rains came to punctuate it, leading to a very promising maturation of all our plots.

The harvest took place at the estate from September 7 to October 8, out of 26 harvest days. Although nearly 300mm of rain and thunderstorms marked the period, our grapes reached great maturity. Our old cups once again demonstrated their relevance. With high feet, presenting smaller and more airy bunches, the grapes were less exposed to humidity and its consequences. This allowed us to wait for maturity optimum from each parcel and to pick very healthy grapes, of great quality, throughout the harvest.

TERROIR

Well orientated slopes and terraces offer ideal sunshine exposure. The vines flourish in a stony limestone clay soil and find their full expression thanks to certified organic and biodynamic agriculture.

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING

Co-fermentation, vatting from 18 to 26 days for soft extractions.

AGEING

Matured for 12 months in vats, and oak foudres.

VARIETALS

Grenache noir 80%, Syrah 17%, Mourvèdre 3%

TASTING

Our Rasteau 2021 offers intense aromas of black fruit and blueberries, lifted by a touch of spice. The density and depth of the palate associate fruit and minerality with remarkable persistence.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Duck breast, red chutney and beetroot.




REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Wine Spectator 90
"Packs a weighty core of cherry preserves and plum, with black licorice notes, toasted apple wood and a firming spine of iron. A formidable, serious red, laced with ripe yet subtly grippy tannins through the singed herb-flecked finish. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2026. 6,000 cases made, 1,200 cases imported."
Kristen Bieler, Wine Spectator

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