





# Southern Rhône, Domaine des Maravilhas, Pradau, AOC Lirac, Rouge

AOC Lirac, Vallée du Rhône, France

The Domaine des Maravilhas faces the Châteauneuf-du-Pape valley and was created in 1967 by a vigneron, coming from the Oran region in Algeria. His elders taught him to work the vines with their future in mind, and he opted wisely to not use any kind or herbicides: that lead to the organic conversion in 1992, and the biodynamic certification in 2004. Since 2014, the estate is conducted by Jean-Frederic and Morgane Bistagne, following the biodynamic principles.

#### **PRESENTATION**

For them, biodynamic viticulture is an essential support tool.

It brings balance to the vine between the earth, the plant and its environment, and preserves the living organisms that benefit it. Organic treatments with plants and minerals contribute to natural defenses and deep, healthy roots to draw on the energy needed for harmonious development.

#### LOCATION

The Maravilhas estate covers 24 hectares, 18 of which are planted with vines, with the remainder divided between garrigue and woodland. Parcels can be found in the Gard and Vaucluse regions, in the communes of Saint-Laurent des Arbres, Saint-Victor la Coste, Orange and Châteauneuf-du-Pape, a true diversity of terroirs and appellations.

### **TERROIR**

Pebbles on clay-limestone soil.

## IN THE VINEYARD

40 years-old vines, planted with high density (4000 vines/ha), 25 to 30hl/ha yield.

### WINEMAKING

14 days of maceration in concrete tank, grape varieties separated, fermentation with wild yeasts, soft pumping overs.

### **AGEING**

Aged for 20 months in concrete tanks and half-muids, and 4 months in bottles before selling.

### **VARIETALS**

Grenache noir 50%, Syrah 50%

### GM: NO

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

## **SERVING**

16°C/61°F

## AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years

### TASTING

Lively fruits, shines, length, minerality identity.



## **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Meat in sauce, red meat, cheese, game, pigeon in sauce.

