





Domaine La Fourmone, Le Poète, AOP Vacqueyras, Red

AOP Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France

Domaine la Fourmone is a multi-generational domaine run by Marie-Thérèse Combe and her daughter, Florentine and son, Albin. The property dates back to the mid-1700's when it originally grew wheat. Here, viticulture is organic and winemaking is traditional.

PRESENTATION

The Fourmone wines are the humble witnesse to natural characteristics. Concrete vats are used for the fermentation and ageing of the reds. A very small percentage of the white Vacqueyras and the old vine cuvées red are aged in 600 litre demi-muids, so there is next to no oak flavour influence on the wines.

LOCATION

The vines for Cuvée Le Poète are located precisely on the Cône de la Font des Papes terroir.

Light beige sandy-clay silts with small limestone fragments and a well-developed root profile to a depth of two meters.

IN THE VINEYARD

Thirty-year-old Grenache and Syrah vines give it a personality all its own.

WINEMAKING

After infusing the grapes for 3 weeks in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats.

Aged in concrete vats, then rested in bottles for at least 6 months.

VARIETALS

Grenache noir 50%, Syrah 50%

14,5 % VOL.

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

Perfumed black cherry and raspberry are shaded by darker tones of underbrush, wild mint, leather and granite in this full-bodied but vibrantly balanced red. A blend of Grenache and Syrah sourced from clay and sandy soils, it's fruity but cut by a mineral edge too. It's a potent, full-bodied wine but finessed on its feet. Silky tannins and a luscious mouthfeel linger nicely.



FOOD PAIRINGS

Syrah & Grenache is a quintessential red blend calling for red fleshed foods – from beef and lamb to tuna, goose and game, or else fattier cuts of pork. It is amazing with barbecue as a lot of people pick up cedar and wood smoke aromas in the wine that flatter any steak you toss on the barbecue.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

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