

DOMAINE ORATOIRE SAINT-MARTIN

Côtes du Rhône Rouge

The finest leaders lead by example, and that is exactly what Frédéric and François Alary of Oratoire Saint-Martin in Cairanne have done for decades. Their personal modesty belies their unparalleled talent in crafting organically raised wines that speak of southern landscapes and summer-ripe flavors. The best wines of Cairanne are marked above all by an effortless finesse in both perfume and flavor. While other lower-land southern Rhônes struggle with heat and higher alcohol, Cairanne's top wines from its chalky hills are poised and pure. This character is preserved faithfully at Oratoire; here the soul of the wine comes directly from the soil and the vine.



WINERY: Domaine L'Oratoire Saint-Martin

WINEMAKERS: Frédéric and François Alary (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1692

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Cairanne

APPELLATION: Côtes du Rhône AOC

BLEND: 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah

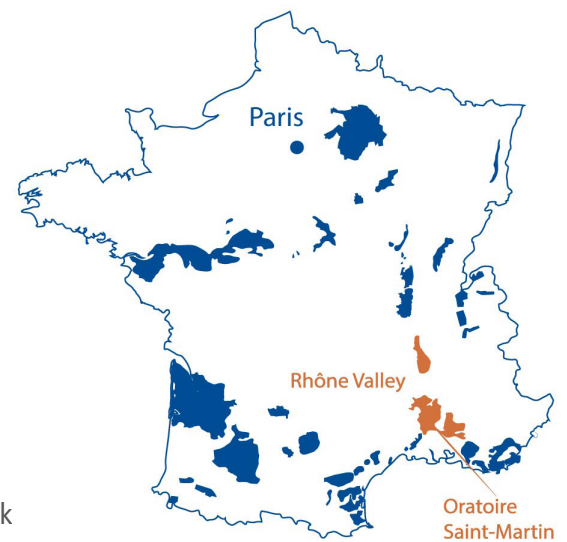
VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located in the northeastern part of Cairanne, on a series of hills locally referred to as the "mountain." Soils are a unique mix of clay and chalk; the combination of mineral soils and high-altitude means ripe yet balanced wines with moderate levels of alcohol.

AGE OF VINES: 15 to 40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks and cement tanks. Aged in tank. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of lavender, thyme, black pepper; flavors of raspberries and blackberries. Fresh and balanced.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Charcuterie; grilled lamb sausages



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