

DOMAINE ORATOIRE SAINT-MARTIN

Cairanne Rouge 'Les Douyes'

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 Rhône 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: Cairanne AOC

BLEND: 60% Grenache and 40% Mourvèdre

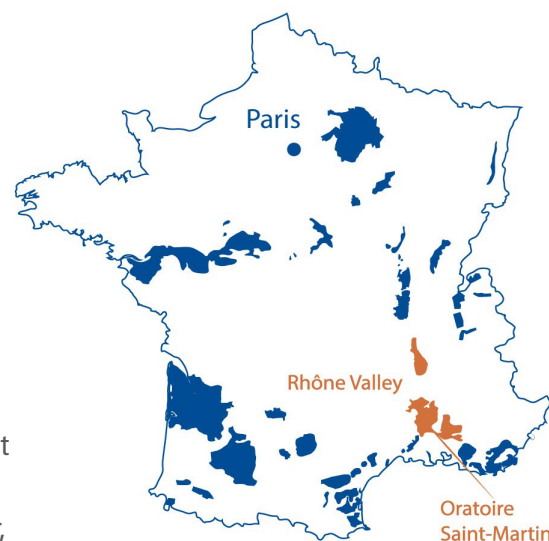
VINEYARDS: Estate lieu-dit 'Les Douyes' faces east/northeast, and is rich in limestone. This wine represents a selection of fruit from vines planted in 1905.

AGE OF VINES: 100+ years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged for 18 months in foudre. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of raspberries, blackberries, warm leather, baking spices. Concentrated, with ripe tannins; spicy and peppery, light licorice notes.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb or beef; merguez sausages



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