

## DOMAINE GRAND NICOLET

### Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge

*One of the founding family cellars of Rasteau, Grand Nicolet got its start in 1875 when Joseph Nicolet owned just over two acres of vines in the village. Winemaking in earnest began in the 1920s, and through the decades, the domaine grew as winemaking duties were passed from father to son and daughter. Today, winemaker Jean-Pierre Bertrand tends by hand some 70 acres of vines, many of which are Rasteau's oldest. The family's Côtes-du-Rhône in particular is a cut above, an older-vine red blend that delivers an energy and concentration that is the signature of the finest Rasteau wines. Extraordinary quality-price ratio!*

**WINERY:** Domaine Grand Nicolet

**WINEMAKER:** Jean-Pierre Bertrand

**ESTABLISHED:** 1921

**REGION:** FRANCE • Southern Rhône • Rasteau

**APPELLATION:** Côtes-du-Rhône AOC

**BLEND:** 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Carignan, 10% Cinsault

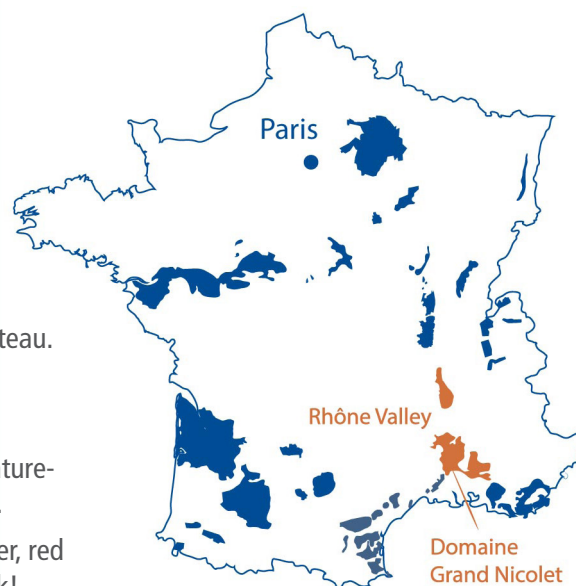
**VINEYARDS:** Estate hillside vineyards face southeast, on a broad plateau. Soils mix red and yellow clay (rich in minerals) with limestone.

**AGE OF VINES:** 20 to 40 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented in temperature-controlled, cement tanks on indigenous yeasts. Aged in cement tank.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of raspberries, incense, light pepper, red plum, autumn leaves. Medium-bodied, suave, fruity; too easy to drink!

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Pork terrine; grilled sausages with herbs; roasted chicken



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