

DOMAINE LA BOUÏSSIERE Gigondas 2017

Domaine la Bouïssière cares for some of the highest vineyards in Gigondas, thus estate wines are markedly more balanced, elegant and age-worthy than wines from the lowlands. In the 1960s, estate founder Antonin Faravel began to carve his vineyards out of the crumbling stone cliffs of the Dentelles de Montmirail (pictured on the family's wine labels). He knew that the cooler temperatures and rocky soils would produce perfectly ripe grapes, with better acidic balance and lower alcohol, too. While other winemakers quickly followed Antonin's lead, Domaine la Bouïssière without question is the original, high-altitude Gigondas.

WINERY: Domaine la Bouïssière

WINEMAKERS: Thierry and Gilles Faravel (brothers)

ESTABLISHED: 1960s

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Gigondas

APPELLATION: Gigondas AOC

BLEND: 74% Grenache and 26% Syrah

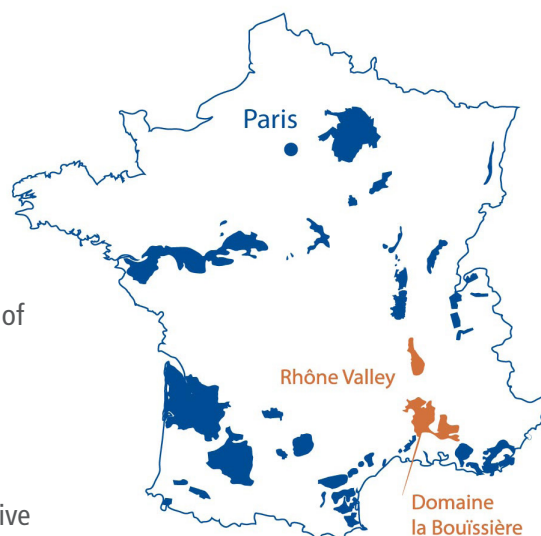
VINEYARDS: Estate vines are located in a high-altitude, narrow valley between the Dentelles de Montmirail, a row of steep limestone cliffs west of Mont Ventoux. Top soils are thin and very rocky; sub-soils are solid rock.

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed (30%) and lightly crushed, then fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled cement tanks. Aged in cement tank (35%) and older foudre, from two to five years old (65%). Wine is moved via gravity; bottled unfinned and unfiltered, with minimal sulfur addition.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black fruits, pink and white peppers; flavors of blackberries and blue plums. Unctuous texture with silky tannins.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak, spicy pork sausages, North African-inspired cuisine, such as lamb tagine



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