



DOMAINE DE PANISSE

Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

'Le Mas' 2020

The younger generation at Le Clos du Caillou as of 2020 purchased a spectacular property north of the family estate in Courthézon. The winery is made up of a 15th-century farmhouse (the "mas") and cellars, surrounded by some 16 acres of prime Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards, in the heart of lieu-dit 'La Janasse' in the far northeast corner of the appellation. With many vines planted in 1924 and terroir that echoes Châteauneuf's finest, winemaker Marilou Vacheron and her brother Axel are more than well-positioned to craft seriously compelling and character-rich southern blends.

WINERY: Domaine de Panisse

WINEMAKER: Marilou and Axel Vacheron (siblings)

ESTABLISHED: 2020

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Courthézon

APPELLATION: Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

BLEND: 55% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards located in lieu-dit 'La Janasse' and completely surrounding the estate, totaling 16 acres of land. Soils a mix of sand and silt, clay/limestone and quartz stones. In organic conversion.

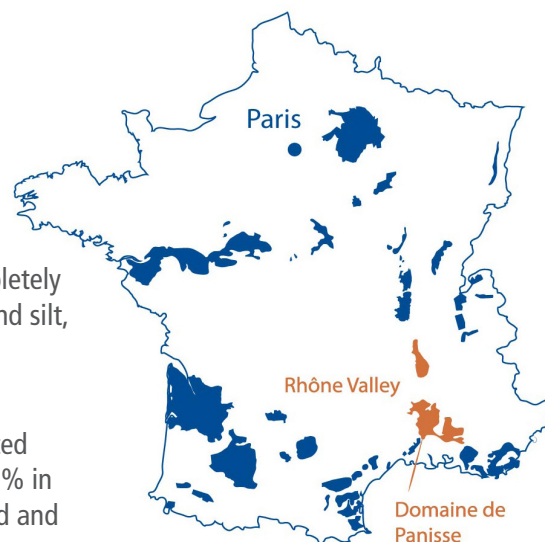
AGE OF VINES: 60 to 100 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested in small crates. Destemmed. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tanks. Aged 80% in demi-muid and 20% in barrique, with 20% new oak (rest two-year old) for 14 months. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of ripe black cherries, licorice, wild rose, brown spices. Silky yet structured, with more black fruits and kirsch; ginger and white pepper finish

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak, game meat (duck), lamb

NOTES: A "mas" is a working Provencal farm, usually supporting polyculture: grape vines, grains, animals and so on



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