

## **DOMAINE DE PANISSE**

## Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge 'Le Mas' 2021

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 characterrich southern blends.

**WINERY:** Domaine de Panisse

**WINEMAKER:** Marilou and Axel Vacheron (siblings)

**ESTABLISHED**: 2020

**REGION:** FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Courthezon **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 guartz 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 90% in demi-muid and 10% in barrique 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

