



DOMAINE DE PANISSE

Côtes du Rhône Rouge

'Le Mazet' 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 • Courthezon

APPELLATION: Côtes du Rhône AOC

BLEND: 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards (three parcels; total acreage 12 acres) located in the village of Serignan du Comtat, north of Courthézon. Soils a mix of clay/limestone and large quartz stones. In organic conversion.

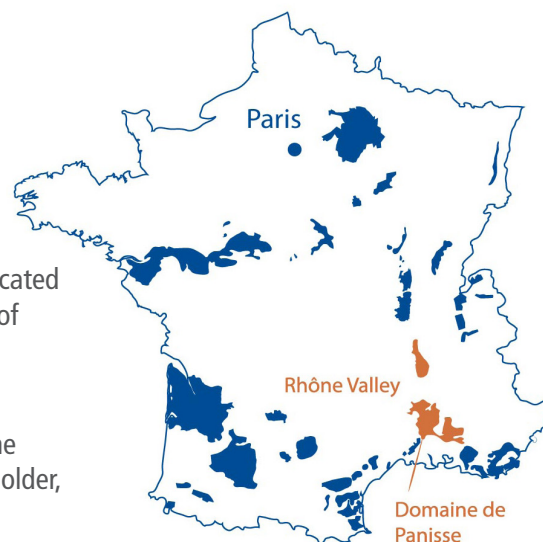
AGE OF VINES: 60 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested in small crates. Destemmed. Grenache and Syrah co-fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged in older, large oak tank and foudre for 14 months. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of ripe black fruit, pepper, wild herbs (thyme, lavender). Round and generous, well-balanced; black fruit is plush yet still fresh, with notes of brown spice

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

NOTES: A "mazet" is a small stone hut often seen in southern vineyards, offering shelter and a place to store tools for workers



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