

Domaine de la Biscarelle

'Le Grand St Paul' 2013

Vin de France



The Vineyards

Domaine de la Biscarelle is located in the prestigious area of Les Grès, within the commune of Orange. The vineyards consist of 22 hectares of vines, 5 of which carry the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. The rest of the vineyards are located across the border, parts of which contain vines over 100 years old that were designated CNDP until the appellation was reclassified in 1936.

Fruit for this wine comes from the 5 hectare *Le Grand St Paul* vineyard located within the gravelly soils of the Bois Feuillat district near Orange, from vines of 50+ years. *It no longer carries the Côtes du Rhône-Villages GI on its label as the winemaker prefers not to be constrained by varietal limitations (a CDRV designated wine must by law contain a minimum of 50% Grenache).*

Winemaking

Winemaker Jérôme Grieco has been described by Antonio Galloni as one of the most hands-off winemakers in Châteauneuf. His approach of minimal intervention allows him to create wines as *'naked expressions of their respective terroirs'*.

Grapes are hand picked and sorted at optimal maturity, and neither destemmed nor crushed – the whole bunch fermentation adding complexity to the intense fruit flavours. The wine is matured in lined concrete vats for approximately 18 months (depending on vintage), where it remains until it is bottled, unfiltered.

Tasting Note

In the glass this wine is deep and dark with violet reflections. Aromas of rich dark fruits (blackberry/blackcurrant) make an instant impact, backed up by notes of licorice and earthy minerality. On the palate the powerful fruit flavours are balanced by classic Provencal dried herbs and black pepper, that linger into a lasting finish.

Varietals: Grenache (40%), Mourvèdre (30%), Syrah (30%)

Alc: 14%

Winemaker: Jérôme Grieco

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