

Domaine de la Biscarelle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2014



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 prestigious northerly districts of Palestor and Maucoil, where soils are composed of pebbles, with lesser amounts of red clay and sand. The vine age varies between 50-100 years.

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, lightly filtered but unfinned.

Tasting Note

This is a pure and powerful expression of Châteauneuf-du-Pape – rich yet savoury, and with a degree of sophistication that sets it apart from its more rustic counterparts. On the nose it reveals enticing aromas of dark berry fruit, plum, leather and spice, leading to a soft and plush mouthfeel, with cracked pepper and dried herb/mineral complexity. Silky tannins and bright acidity give the wine its poise and balance, and elevate the wine to something really quite special.

Varietals: Grenache (100%), Syrah (15%), Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Terret Noir (5% total)

Alc: 14.5%

Winemaker: Jérôme Grieco

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