

Domaine de la Biscarelle

Côtes du Rhône 2015



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 Côtes du Rhône comes from the gravelly soils of the Bois Feuillat district near Orange, from vines between 40-70 years old.

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 between 6-9 months according to the vintage, where it remains until it is bottled, unfiltered.

Tasting Note

Red fruits of dark cherry and raspberry abound on the nose, with delicate floral notes and the spicy, peppery undertones that give the wine its sense of place. On the palate it is fresh and exuberant with well-integrated tannins – not overpowering, but fragrant and highly drinkable.

Varietals: Grenache (80%), Cinsault (10%), Syrah (10%)

Alc: 13.5%

Winemaker: Jérôme Grieco

Production: 4500 bottles