



IPO WINES

COUNTRY
France

REGION
Rhône

APPELLATION
Rasteau

SOIL TYPE
blue clay

VARIETAL(S)
5% Syrah
95% Grenache

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Georges Perrot



2014 Domaine La Collière Rasteau "La Fontaine"

IMPORTED BY European Cellars (Eric Solomon)

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Domaine la Colliere is a small family estate founded by Georges Perrot. He began bottling his own wine in 2003, renting some cellar space from the mad king of Rasteau, Andre Romero of Domaine Soumade fame. Prior to 2003 all the juice went to one of the big negociants. Reknowned late Rhône enologist Philippe Cambie consulted on the project, which is already receiving rave reviews from the press. Wine Advocate says, "This unheralded estate is making fabulous wines from their 62 acres of vines spread throughout Rasteau and the surrounding Côtes-du-Rhône appellation. Proprietor Georges Perot utilized the services of the enormously talented Philippe Cambie, and, as one might expect, these are full-flavored, wonderfully pure, complex wines that respect their appellation."

WINE NOTES

The Rasteau la Fontaine is the most muscular cuvée made at Domaine la Collière. A blend of Grenache and Mourvedre, La Fontaine is sourced entirely from blue clay soils – the terroir that generally produces the most robust and structured wines in Rasteau. The Grenache is aged in cement tank while the Mourvedre is aged in demi-muid. Hand harvested, destemmed, fermented in concrete, délestage 2–3 times.

Rasteau La Fontaine is a gorgeous effort that has classic Rasteau richness and depth, yet also shows a seamless, elegant and classy style. Black raspberry, currants, ground herbs and pepper all emerge from this full-bodied, nicely concentrated effort, and while it has a soft, supple feel, it should evolve nicely for 4-5 years.

92 points, "The star of the 2014's is unquestionably the 2014 Cotes du Rhone Villages Rasteau la Fontaine. Coming from two parcels & 95% Grenache & 5% Syrah, aged all in concrete tanks, it doesn't get much better in 2014 & it reveals a healthy ruby/purple-tinged color as well as elegant notes of black raspberries, black cherries, crushed flowers, spice & crushed rocks. Fine, silky & impeccably balanced, it doesn't have the depth for any extended aging, but it will certainly put a smile on your face over the coming 5-7 years". - Wine Advocate