



IPO WINES

2015 Domaine La Collière Cairanne La Font du Jas

IMPORTED BY European Cellars (Eric Solomon)

COUNTRY

France

REGION

Rhône

APPELLATION

Rasteau

SOIL TYPE

Clay, Limestone

VARIETAL(S)

25% Syrah

75% Grenache

FARMING

Organic

WINEMAKER

Georges Perrot

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 remarkable proof of terroir in the Rhône valley is easily summed up when comparing Rasteau and Cairanne – neighboring villages that have recently been elevated to cru status. Using the same basic building blocks – primarily Grenache and Syrah – each village has a startlingly different expression of these varieties. The lifted and floral character of Cairanne is usually in stark contrast to the brooding, meaty and stern expression of Rasteau. Imagine our surprise to taste a Cairanne that embodies its origins so thrillingly in a cellar in Rasteau? Of course the cellar in question is that of Georges and Delphine Perrot who are pioneers of revealing a more nuanced and finessed style of Rasteau. In addition to their holdings in Rasteau, they farm a solitary 2.6 ha vineyard on the slopes of Cairanne. These 70 year old vines are mainly Grenache with about 25% Syrah. Hand harvested, and fermented and aged in concrete, La Font du Jas is about as simple and expressive as Cairanne gets.

