



IPO WINES

2020 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Gallimardes" Rouge

IMPORTED BY European Cellars (Eric Solomon)

COUNTRY
France

REGION
Rhône

APPELLATION
Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL TYPE
Clay limestone, galets

VARIETAL(S)
10% Syrah
90% Grenache

FARMING
Organic

WINEMAKER
Marie and François Giraud



ABOUT THE PRODUCER

The "domaine" saw the light of day thanks to Pierre and Mireille Giraud's zeal and two families coming together. The story begins in 1974 when Pierre and Mireille, as their parents did before them, took on 4 hectares (10 acres) of vines. Little by little the Domaine has grown through years exclusively on the appellation. In 1998, Pierre was ready to pass on his love of the vine and wine to his children. Marie and François took on the estate hand-in-hand. Under their parents' watchful eye, they devoted themselves to tending vines and winemaking. They focused their efforts on selecting parcel by parcel, doing minimal treatments, upgrading their cellar to make finer and finer wines while respecting family traditions. François tries hard to tend each parcel and variety respecting the "terroir" as much as possible, that alchemy nature provides us with, to fully express our grapes' full character. Reknowned late Rhône enologist Philippe Cambie consulted for the Domaine.

WINE NOTES

When the domaine was created 'Les Gallimardes' already existed. This area found to the south of the appellation has always been part of our family. Here we grow 100 year old Grenache, Syrah and several white varieties. Classic Châteauneuf-du-Pape terrain, it's made up of big round pebbles on the surface that radiate gentle heat in the evening helping to concentrate the grapes. This cuvée is in our own image evoking a modern, vibrant and concentrated style: it promises rich powerful flavours. The red Gallimardes combines refined elegance, power and roundness at the same time. Vine age: 100 years old. Vineyards: From the Gallimardes, a single vineyard in the south part of the appellation. Aging: Grenache- In tanks, Syrah- In 1-5 year old barrels. Attractive, intense blood-red colour. Shows an elegant nose with strawberry, blueberry and raspberry fruit. Powerful on the palate, it's full-bodied yet smooth with flavours of apple & cherry compote, raspberry tinged with liquorice, white pepper and wild herbs. 94-96 points, "Still maturing in concrete at the time of my visit, the 2020 Chateauneuf du Pape Les Gallimardes comes from the lieu-dit of the same name, located south of the village. It's a classic galets roulés-and-clay terroir, with the old-vine Grenache that makes up 90% of the assemblage planted around 1903 (the Syrah component is more recent). Concentrated black cherries dominate the nose, yet this full-bodied effort is remarkably silky and fresh, with its long finish marked by a zesty-briny note." - Wine Advocate