



IPO WINES

2020 Domaine Giraud Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Les Grenaches de Pierre"

IMPORTED BY European Cellars (Eric Solomon)

COUNTRY

France

REGION

Rhône

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL TYPE

Sandy

VARIETAL(S)

100% 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. Renowned late Rhône enologist Philippe Cambie consulted for the Domaine.

WINE NOTES

Planted north of Châteauneuf-du-Pape; from La Crau, Pignan and Terres Blanches. Age of Vines: 100 years old. We pick the berries in several batches to allow perfect grape ripeness. We do the first rigorous selection by vine and again in the winery to make sure we get the best quality grapes. 100% de-stemming depending on the vintage. We use gentle extraction techniques, fermentation lasting about three weeks to one month with a cold maceration at the start. The must is then heated to around 28°C. Approx. 18 months ageing is carried out in cement vats. To help retain lively aroma and flavour, our wines aren't filtered or fined.

Sourced from the pure sandy soils in the Crau area and vineyards around Pignan, our father Pierre was always loyal to his parcels of 100 year old Grenache. This cuvée pays homage to his devotion to Châteauneuf-du-Pape's flagship variety. Hallmarked by elegance and delicacy, this wine shows finesse perfectly poised by strength of character.

Lovely blood-red colour with crimson edges. Its powerful nose is reminiscent of basalt, tobacco leaf with cooked fruit notes and juicy prunes. Powerful structured palate, rich and rounded with flavours of fresh strawberry compote, raspberries, cherries tinged with thyme, wild juniper and violet rockrose.

95-97 points, "Still in concrete at the time of my visit, the 2020 Châteauneuf du Pape Grenaches de Pierre looks to be another prodigious effort. Gorgeous aromas of stone fruit and ripe cherries mingle easily with intricate notes of garrigue and pine needles in a wine that's somehow full-bodied yet ethereal on the palate, with a long, tart, almost cranberry-ish finish. As always, it's sourced from old-vine Grenache in the sandy soils of Pignan, Charbonnière and Mourre de Gaud, all clustered northeast of the village of Châteauneuf du Pape." - Wine Advocate

