



IPO WINES

2021 Domaine Giraud Côtes-du-Rhône "Les Sables d'Arène" Rouge

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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

Vine age: 60 years. Aging: 1/3 in barrel, 2/3 in concrete tank

Marie and Francois had been in search of vines in the Côtes-du-Rhône for quite some time. They discovered the 60-year-old Grenache vines of Sixte terraced on sandy soils and fell madly in love. Not only was the land rich, filled with indigenous flowers, grasses, trees, plants and herbs, but the wine was elegant and remarkable with lush, red fruit jam on the palate.

Domaine Giraud is one of the up-and-coming superstars of the appellation. The wine possesses a dark plum/ruby/purple color, copious tannins...and body, earthy, sandy, loamy soil undertones, and plenty of kirsch, pepper and lavender. This big wine reveals superb concentration and enough structure to warrant several more months of cellaring.

COUNTRY

France

REGION

Rhône

APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

SOIL TYPE

Sand

VARIETAL(S)

0% Mourvèdre

0% Syrah

0% Grenache

FARMING

Organic

WINEMAKER

Marie and François Giraud

