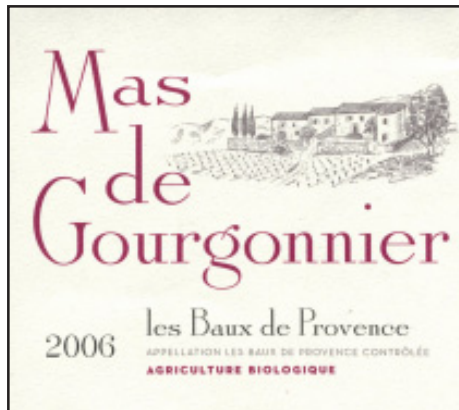


MAS DE GOURGONNIER

(Les Baux de Provence)



Nestled in a tiny valley at the base of the dramatically stark and beautiful rock cliffs of *Les Baux* is a small property that has become world famous: *Mas de Gourgonnier*. The vineyards of *Les Baux* benefit from a hot and windy climate that naturally protects them from fungi and other diseases and pests. *Les Baux* is considered more favored than other parts of the *Coteaux de Provence* as it receives more rain, more sun and the surface stones in the vineyards contribute to ripening. At the farm (*mas*) of *Gourgonnier*, the *Cartier* family grows olives, apricots and grapes, all completely organically. Made from *Grenache*, *Syrah* and *Cabernet Sauvignon*, their lovely, voluptuous red wine, with its bouquet of sun-baked pine forest and wild thyme and abundant flavors of ripe red fruit has become a staple for serious wine aficionados, as much for its superb value as for the careful farming methods used to produce it.