

DOMAINE DE FONDRECHE

AOP Ventoux Red

Story

The Domaine de Fondrèche estate is situated at the foot of Mont Ventoux, the famous mountain in the Vaucluse department of the South of France, and covers a surface area of 38 hectares. For over twenty years the vineyard has been tended using natural methods to create a harmony between the vines, the earth, and the surrounding environment, and to produce wines that reflect the local terroir. The yield of each varietal is reasoned, no chemical weed killers are used, and the earth is worked mechanically to strengthen the natural defences of the vines, encouraging the roots to burrow deeper and thereby protecting the vines from bad weather. Fondrèche is a unique place, with a special terroir and climate due to the influence of Mont Ventoux which brings currents of cold air and leads to big differences in temperature between day and night.



Grape varieties

50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre

Terroir

The vines are 40 years old on average and grow in the plateau's north and south-facing clay-chalk soil.

Winemaking

Traditional winemaking method after partial destemming. Vatting for 21 to 28 days with only a few pigeage operations to ensure slow and gradual extraction.

Aged on the lees for 18 months, 1/3 vat, 1/3 foudre and 1/3 concrete egg.

Tasting notes

Deep colour, an intense nose of red berries, black cherry, blueberry, raspberry, violet and woody spices.

Generous, harmonious, round and silky on the palate.

Food pairing suggestions

Goes well with duck with thyme, steak with a peppery sauce or even poultry.

Accolade

90-92 pts Wine Advocate – 2016 vintage

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