



DOMAINE DE BEURENARD

FAMILLE COULON

2017 GRAN PARTITA, CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

WINERY

Domaine de Beurenard has been a family-run estate for eight generations. Today, brothers Victor and Antonin Coulon, supported by the wise guidance of their father Daniel and uncle Frédéric, are dedicated to producing the most essential expressions of this historic region, long sought-after by discerning collectors and enthusiasts around the globe. Domaine de Beurenard has been producing certified biodynamic wines on more than 80 acres of this celebrated terroir since 2011. Domaine de Beurenard is also established in the up and coming Rasteau Appellation with 60 acres and in Côtes du Rhône with 25 acres both also certified biodynamic.

WINE

“Symphony of 13 grape varieties”. To play the Gran Partita today is to seek to recreate the unique alchemy of these 13 varieties. Just like with Mozart’s 13 wind instruments, each one contributes its own personality and definition of the terroir with brio. All the old vines on our estate are planted with the different varieties mixed together in the same plot. In addition, each vine plant was carefully chosen by our ancestors by massal selection, that is by propagation of stock from the wood of only the very best old vines. This wealth of varieties creates a unique level of biodiversity which, when associated with massal selection gives real soul to the vineyard.

VINEYARDS

La Collection, planted as a mixed variety plot following ancestral tradition, features unique individual vines. Between 1998-2005, we carefully selected the finest

specimens from our old vines. In 2006, we planted the rootstock, and in 2008, seventh-generation Daniel grafted 13 selected varieties. La Collection is farmed biodynamically, using hand-tending and horse traction.

VINTAGE NOTES

After a particularly cold January that allowed the sap to descend completely and the vines to rest thoroughly, 2017 experienced many different weather conditions in the course of the growing cycle. This caused a high incidence of poor fruit set, particularly in the highly sensitive Grenache, resulting in low yields. However, frequent applications of healing biodynamic preparations maintained the clusters in excellent condition, ensuring a healthy crop.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are hand-picked, and sorted directly on the bush where only the finest bunches are chosen. Both red and white grapes are harvested together. Once in the cellar, the grapes from La Collection are mixed with those from the old vines (from which the original grafts were taken). They ferment in truncated wooden vats with the indigenous yeasts that are naturally present on the grape skins. Ageing in oak casks then allows the wine to mellow and develop in finesse without losing its personality.

TASTING NOTES

Gran Partita recreates a unique symphony of the regions thirteen grape varieties, like Mozart’s thirteen wind instruments, each grape variety brings its personality and definition of terroir to the blend.



VINEYARD

Region:	Rhône Valley
Appellation:	Châteauneuf du Pape, AOP
Soil:	Safres, clays and pebbles
Age:	Planted in 2008
Eco-Practices:	Organic, Biodynamic
Certifications:	Organic - Ecocert 2010
	Biodynamic - Demeter 2011

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	A symphony of the regions 13 grape varieties: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Counoise, Muscardin, Vaccarèse, Terret noir, Roussanne, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Picpoul, Picardan
Aging:	24 months in French oak

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	14.5%



Domaine de BEAURENARD

gran partita

Gran Partita... **An inspiring family story**

Gran Partita is above all a true and moving story. That of our family, the Coulon family, winegrowers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape for 8 generations. *Gran Partita* forms a unique link between these generations, each one of whom has contributed to the creation of this alchemy of 13 grapes, this union of old vines and their meticulously selected descendants.

The origins of a great wine

Gran Partita is the fruit of over 10 years of intense thought and effort that we have invested in this project. The Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation is renowned worldwide for the quality of its wines, and is also famous for its "Symphony of 13 grape varieties"*¹ that have been grown there for many centuries. But today a number of these varieties have practically disappeared from these ancient vineyards that formerly formed part of the Pope's estates. To play the *Gran Partita**² today is to seek to recreate the unique alchemy of these 13 varieties. Just like with Mozart's 13 wind instruments, each one contributes its own personality and definition of the terroir with brio (in our personal orchestration).

When he observed our vines, Daniel wondered why the old vines produced such good wine, and was convinced that age alone was not enough to explain such remarkable quality... All the old vines on our estate are planted with the different varieties mixed together in the same plot. In addition, each vine plant was carefully chosen by our ancestors*³ by massal selection, that is by propagation of stock from the wood of only the very best old vines. This wealth of varieties creates a unique level of biodiversity which, when associated with massal

selection gives real soul to the vineyard. When we planted the plot La Collection we wanted to perpetuate this family tradition and conserve the precious genetic heritage that has been passed down to us. And we, in our turn, are animated by the desire to work for future generations, to be able to pass the baton to our children to continue this quest for excellence.

Between 1998 and 2005, we selected with the utmost care the most perfect specimens amongst our old vines. La Collection was born with the planting of the rootstock in 2006, and two years later in April 2008 Daniel had traditionally cleft grafted all of the 13 varieties selected from our old vines. La Collection was planted as a mixed variety plot, following the ancestral tradition. Each one of these vines is a unique individual. From the very beginning La Collection has been farmed entirely using biodynamic techniques, tended by hand and using horse traction.

The alchemy of Gran Partita

Gran Partita is a blend that is unique in the world. The grapes are hand-picked, and sorted directly on the bush where only the finest bunches are chosen. Both red and white grapes are harvested together. Once in the cellar, the grapes from La Collection are mixed with those from the old vines (from which the original grafts were taken). They ferment in truncated wooden vats with the indigenous yeasts that are naturally present on the grape skins. Ageing in oak casks then allows the wine to mellow and develop in finesse without losing its personality.

Far from being a "competition" wine, it is above all the expression of a terroir and a family who have crafted it with love. 2012 was an immense vintage for the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation that conjures maturity, finesse and energy, offering all the qualities necessary to create the first vintage of *Gran Partita*.

Gran Partita was presented for the first time on November 3rd, 2016 in New York and on November 7th, 2016 in Paris.

The Coulon Family

*¹ «Symphony of 13 grape varieties» The 13 grape varieties of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation are: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Roussanne, Clairette, Counoise, Muscardin, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Bourboulenc, Picpoul and Picardan.

*² *Gran Partita*: one of Mozart's works from the end of the 18th century. The serenade KV 361 «*Gran Partita*» is today a major piece in the wind instrument repertoire. Played by 13 instruments, it is classed between 'after-dinner music' and a symphony.

*³ Our parents Paul & Régine, but also our elders Léon & Henriette, Henri & Elisa, Casimir & Marie whose stories enchanted us as children.