# Famille Coulon

# VIGNERONS

## 2022 LE PETIT RENARD RED



## **WINERY**

Eighth-generation family-owned winery by the Coulon family who own more than 80 acres of Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards that are 45 years old on average and cultivated organically and biodynamically Today, biodynamic farming is the obvious choice. Man works in harmony with nature, driven by a profound respect for Terroirs and for Life. Le Petit Renard was born out of a desire to share our passion and make it accessible through wines that are pure and sincere, wines that we love.

#### **WINE**

Le Petit Renard is the fruit of virtuous agriculture. A subtle blend of terroirs, Rhône grapes, and passionate people. This wine embodies a simple and noble provencal art of living that the Coulon family cultivates and carefully protects.

#### **VINEYARDS**

The grapes are harvested within a radius of 30 km around the estate and come exclusively from the magnificent terroirs and appellations of the southern Rhône Valley: AOC Côtesdu-Rhône, AOC Côtes-du-Rhône villages, AOC Ventoux. We have chosen to classify them as Vin de France, which gives us incomparable freedom to blend terroirs and grape varieties in order to create complex and singular wines, reflections of a region and an assumed audacity. We select grapes from fellow winegrowers attached to the virtues of biodynamics and the preservation of the environment of our region.

## **VINTAGE NOTES**

The 2022 vintage is similar to the excellent vintages of 2017 and 2019. Abundant autumn rain in 2021 replenished

groundwater reserves, contributing to its success. The winter was dry, and a strong Mistral wind in early April prevented frost. This set the stage for a dry and mild winter, with less than 50mm of rainfall from March to May. Summer was marked by extreme drought and high, but not excessive, temperatures, thanks to cool nights. Deep roots, structured soils, and cover crops minimized soil evapotranspiration, allowing the vines to grow without issues and produce perfectly mature grapes.

#### WINEMAKING

It all starts with a careful selection of the grapes. In the cellar, only the first juices, elegant and aromatic, are kept. Then comes the vinification: respect of the astral calendar, slow fermentation at controlled temperature, and a rest in bottle. At each of these stages, the Coulon Family draws the balance of the wine until it affixes its signature: a daring triptych between fragrance, delicacy and minerality.

## **TASTING NOTES**

This wine is pure and energetic, perfectly achieving our goal of lightness and freshness. It remains firmly rooted in the region's characteristic bright fruits and accents of garrigue. The vibrant flavors encapsulate the essence of the local terroir, offering a refreshing yet complex taste that is both lively and deeply satisfying. Each sip reveals layers of intricate notes, highlighting the harmonious balance between the fruit and the subtle herbal undertones. This exquisite blend not only reflects the unique qualities of the region but also exemplifies our dedication to crafting wines that are both elegant and invigorating.

## **VINEYARD**

**Region**: Rhone Valley

**Appellation**: Vin de France

Soil: Clay limestone

Certifications: Organic - Ecocert

Biodynamic - Demeter

#### WINEMAKING

Varietals: Grenache noir 60%, Syrah 35%, Viognier 5%

Aging: 6-10 months in stainless steel

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%