



DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD

FAMILLE COULON

2023 RASTEAU, LES ARGILES BLEUES



WINERY

Domaine de Beaurenard is an eighth-generation family-owned winery by the Coulon family who own more than 80 acres of Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards that are on average 45 years and cultivated organically (Ecocert-certified) and biodynamically (Demeter-certified). 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 Beaurenard 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

A single vineyard from the Coulon family's 60 acre holdings in Rasteau. A blend of Grenache and Syrah, coming from a careful selection of predominately older vines planted in the unique blue soils of Rasteau. The wine is co-harvested and co-fermented to increase the complexity of the wine from this up and coming AOC, now producing exceptional red wines in addition to the traditional Vin Doux Naturel expressions from the region.

VINEYARDS

A selection of plots characterized by their exceptional soil shot through with blue Pliocene marl, rich in minerals. A singular expression of a unique identity.

VINTAGE NOTES

We have never seen such an original season, starting with a drought in the winter and early spring and very dry conditions, then we were hit twice by the hail in some Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards. The month of June turned out to be very wet and humid and a bit challenging in terms of viticulture. The summer was dry and warm but without extreme temperature except at the end of august. Harvest, then started quite early but a couple rains helped the ripening to slow down and we were able to pick grapes for six weeks at a slow pace and with exceptional conditions for each vineyard. Wines so far are very aromatic, balanced, elegant and with a medium bodied tannin structure. We are very confident about it and proud of the results in a year full of various challenges.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard. Co-fermentation, long vatting for soft extractions. Matured for 12 months in oak foudres.

TASTING NOTES

An inexhaustible reservoir of mineral elements, Argiles Bleues is a wine of great finesse. A superb marriage of plush, juicy fruit, fine, delicate tannins, and phenomenal minerality.

VINEYARD

Region:	Rhône Valley
Appellation:	Rasteau, AOP
Soil:	Clay-chalk with a blue-clay subsoil
Age/Exposure:	20-40 years Fully south facing slopes and terraces
Eco-Practices:	Organic, Biodynamic
Certifications:	Organic- Ecocert 2010 Biodynamic- Demeter 2011

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	80% Grenache, 20% Syrah
Aging:	12 months in French oak foudres

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast:	Native
Alcohol:	14.5%