



# 2019 VIN DOUX NATUREL, RASTEAU ROUGE

## 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**

Rasteau Vin Doux Naturel is a sweet wine made from 100% Grenache Noir in the southern Rhône valley with its own AOC. Using very ripe grapes and a winemaking style similar to Maderia, Vin Doux Naturel is the style of wine that Rasteau had hisctorically been known for producing.

## **VINEYARDS**

Stony clay-limestone terrain (with lots of white rolled pebbles) on a hillside particularly well exposed. It is characterized by small, highly concentrated clusters.

## VINTAGE NOTES

2019 vintage is in line with the top vintages of the decade. After a nice winter, spring came slowly, when our famous wind "Mistral" helped to keep a healthy environment in the vineyard during the important growing season. The last week of June, Rhône Valley vineyards went through a heat wave with temperatures above 45°C (113°F). Fortunately, our biodynamic sprays of horn dungs, silicas, chamomiles, nettles and essential oils, combined with good water reserves in soil from 2018, helped the vines to continue their growth in great condition. Thanks to gentle rains in August and September, we were able to pick beautiful, healthy and balanced grapes.

#### WINEMAKING

These sun-kissed grapes contain more than 260g of natural sugar per liter before the mutage which was carried out "on grain", followed by contact with the skins to fix the magnificent purple color and tannins.

## **TASTING NOTES**

The wine presents a well-integrated profile of ripe blackberries, red cherries, and plum, supported by a refined structure. Mid-palate complexity is enhanced by notes of baking spice, subtle vanilla, and a hint of licorice. The finish is persistent, with lingering notes of fruit, spice, and a touch of mineral tension.

## **VINEYARD**

**Region**: Rhône Valley

**Appellation**: Rasteau, Vin Doux Naturel, AOP

Soil: Limestone-Clay

Eco-Practices: Organic, Biodynamic

Certifications: Organic- Ecocert 2010

Biodynamic- Demeter 2011

## WINEMAKING

Varietals: 100% Grenache

Aging: 24 months in French oak barrels

## TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast: Native Alcohol: 17%

