

- > **Domain** : Domaine La Mereuille
- > **Winegrower**: Michel Bouyer et Philippe Granger
- > **Town** : Orange
- > **Region** : Rhône
- > **Appellation(s)** : Chateauneuf du Pape, Côtes du Rhône Village
- > **Cultivated space** : 20 ha
- > **Vol. de production** : 70 000 btles
- > **Soil(s)** : stony – flinted round pebbles



## The philosophy of the domain :

Domain " LA MEREUILLE " whose Provencal meaning is " the marvel " is run since 1994 by P. GRANGER .It has been in culture in the family since four generations .The 80 years old wine incorporate 90% old grenache and wine as Syrah , Mourvedre , Cinsault , Carignan . This Domain is situated on the left of the river Rhone , between the municipalities of Orange and Chateauneuf du Pape .It is cultivated according a rational and reasonable manner .

## Mode of driving of the vineyard, wine-making and ageing :

In order to obtain a stonger Wine , we sow sheep and poultry's natural manure .When the cycle of growth starts ; we then , begin to work on the " greens " : striping the buds , topping the branches , taking off the leaves , plwing the soil . Since a few years , we can see again butterflies , bees and ladybirds and even some birds'nest in the vineyard . Animals as rabbits , hares , partridges , and boars are coming back . We hand harvest the grapes , we selected them . We separate the grapes from stalbes stalks keeping only the fruit .This stage of the manufacturing process avoids the presence of acid and astringent sediments which are contained in the stalks . Some of our wvines stay in old casks made out of a hundred years old oak .This cask beeing restaured and planned from inside in order to respect the natural micro-oxygenation .They will stay at least 24 months according to the vintage of the years . They will then rippen the sediments ; the aromas ( cherries , blackcurrants , mulberries ) will gain in force with wood flavors of black fruits keeping an aftertaste of leather , bush or spices according to the variety of wood of which the cask is made of .

## Some references :

Concours des vigneronns indépendants, Decanter, Wine Magazine Tasted, Jancis Robinson, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar , Revue des Vins de France. Robert Parker, Guide Gilbert et Gaillard, guide Hachette des vins, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, Wine Advocate, Mondial de Bruxelles, Concours Féminalise....



## OUR WINES

**Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge**  
( 90 % Grenache, 5 % Syrah, 5 % Cinsault )

**Chateauneuf du Pape Les Baptaurels**  
( 90 % Grenache, 10 % Syrah )

**Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc**  
( 50 % de vieilles grenache, 25% Clairette, 20% Bourboulenc, 5 % Roussanne )

**Cotes du Rhône Village Rouge**  
( 100% Grenache )

**Cotes du Rhône Rouge**  
( 100% Grenache )

**Cotes du Rhône Blanc**  
( 50% Grenache Blanche , 25% Clairette , 25% Bourboulenc )