

- > **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)

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(100% Grenache)

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