

BEAUMES DE VENISE: DOMAINE DE DURBAN

Style

Red, Dry, Full bodied

Region

Southern Rhône

Wine Maker

The Leydier family.

Appellation

Beaumes de Venise

Cépage

75% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre and Carignan

Tasting Note

A dense, powerful red full of autumnal and plum flavours spiced up with hints of cinnamon and pepper.

Serve

A fantastic accompaniment to game, daubes and roasts.

Cellarage

Approachable when young, this wine will age happily over the next 5 years.

Vinification

The vines are hand harvested to ensure no damage is caused to the fruit which is then sorted at the vineyard to eliminate any spoiled or under-ripe grapes. The grapes are then vinified in large oak barrels before being racked in cement vats prior to filtering and bottling.

History

Wine has been made at Beaumes de Venise since Roman times and Domaine de Durban is a 57-hectare estate that has been owned and run by the Leydier family since 1969. It stands against a background of pinewoods and enjoys a panoramic view over the vineyards.

The Leydier's Grenache-based reds made from 45-year-old vines were, until recently, sold off to local négociants for bulk blending. However, recent investment in state-of-the-art equipment has meant that the Leydiers can now bottle their impressive red wines in house. Initially bottled as a Côtes du Rhône Villages, the Beaumes de Venise was elevated to full AOC status in 2004.

