

CÔTES DE PROVENCE

DOMAINE RICHAUME (UVÉE TRADITION

Style

Red, Dry

Region

Provence

Producer

Henning & Sylvain Hoesch

Appellation:

Côtes de Provence, below Mont Sainte Victoire at Puyloubier.

Cépage

50% Grenache Noir, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Syrah.

Tasting Note:

A bouquet of mint and wild Provençal herbs announce this refined, silky wine. Beautifully crafted and medium bodied, it is crammed with candied red cherry and cassis flavours.

Serve

Simple, rustic Provençal dishes.

Cellarage

Tit will age happily for five years but drinks well from bottling.

Vinification

Organically produced, hand harvest grapes from 35 year old vines, are fully de-stemmed prior to a three-week cuvaison. This is a key factor in the Hoesch's efforts to "work the body of the wine - its dry extract" at this stage ensuring that complex aromatics will develop later, in barrel. Regular racking and small volume élevage yield wines that seldom require filtration and need only the lightest of finings.

History

Domaine Richeaume is widely recognised as one of the finest estates in Provence and is the creation of a German expatriate, Henning Hoesch and his Swiss French wife. Since 1972 Henning, a cello-playing, art-loving, intellectual has slowly developed his vine holdings, adhering strictly to the principles of culture biologique., The Domaine is located on the slopes of the Massif de Cenge, which has the impressive backdrop of Mont Saint Victoire, a scene so often painted by the artist Cezanne, and consists of 200 acres of land, with 60 planted to vines. In addition, the Hoesch family farms 12 acres of olive orchards, 50 acres of grain, and maintains 75 acres of pasture for sheep. It's a polyculture farm, and Henning and Sylvain have intentionally maintained this culture as a way of preserving natural balance. Manure from the sheep is composted with other organic material grown on the farm, and then spread in the vineyards and orchards. Sylvain learnt his trade at Ridge Vineyards in California as well as Penfolds in Australia., ensuring that a hint of modern New World know-how is combined with traditional French Provençal style and techniques



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