

The b-Sides - Domaine de la Damase



Once again, really excited about this new Damase wine here in it's second vintage. A few years back we asked Sebastien about planting some Picpoul and here is his response. Organically farmed "Picpoul de Violes." The wine is light, fresh, and way too easy drinking. Sourced from one small vineyard in the Vin de Pays de Vaucluse region close to the village of Violes where Sebastien and his family live and make wine. Fermented and briefly aged in stainless steel. Drink now.

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2018 was a tough year in the Rhone Valley. There was a lot of Spring and Summer rain bringing muddy conditions to the vineyards and mildew to the grapes. The resulting harvest was very low in yield. Though there is less of it, The Vin de Pays du Vaucluse Grenache is as always intended, a simple straight forward, fruit forward, earth forward Southern Rhone Valley Grenache. A combination of old and young vine Grenache from Cote du Rhone and Vin de Pays vineyards fermented in concrete tanks and aged in old Foudres. 100% Whole Cluster. Drink now!

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Out of love for Mourvedre and Bandol and after being blown away by the Mourvedre being used for blending at the Damase winery and the old vines they are farming, I couldn't help thinking, "what if?" After some persuasion, the what if is in the bottle and on it's 8th vintage in 10 years, being that it is only produced in certain vintages where Mourvedre ripens enough to be bottled alone. Fermented in stainless steel and aged in 225L Barriques. A blend of Gigondas, Cote du Rhone Villages, Cote du Rhone, and Vin de Pays fruit. Will get better with age and air. Hold on to some bottles!

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