



WINEMAKER

Laurence Féraud

VARIETALS

Cinsault, Grenache (Garnacha), Mourvedre, Syrah (Shiraz)

FEATURES

Bottle, Cork

ABV

14.5%

AVAILABLE SIZES (L)

0.750



Domaine du Pégau

Cuvée Maclura Côtes du Rhône

FRANCE, RHONE VALLEY, AOC COTES DU RHÔNE



RED

WINERY OVERVIEW

The Féraud family can trace their roots in Châteauneuf-du-Pape all the way back to 1670 when their ancestors first planted grape vines next to their olive trees. The great grandparents of current winemaker Laurence Féraud expanded the farmed acreage to 54 acres. Paul Féraud, the father of Laurence, starting working full time for the family business at age 14 and brought Domaine du Pégau into the modern age when he began to bottle his own wine from the production of a small 12-acre parcel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape in 1964. Prior to that date, the production was sold to negociants.

The next big step in the development of Pégau took place in 1987, when Laurence joined her father Paul at Domaine du Pégau after studying wine and marketing. At the time, the wine was still being bottled under the name Domaine Féraud from their 17 acres of vines, and much of production was still sold in bulk. Laurence proposed the creation of an independent family estate and came up with the name Pégau, which is an old Provençal term for an ancient jug for wine discovered during the excavations of the 14th century, Avignon Popes Palace.

The current Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards of Domaine du Pégau totals 48 acres of red wine grapes and 3.7 acres of white grapes. All 13 authorized varieties are grown, with parcels situated in the three principal zones of Courthézon, Bédarrides, and Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Vines average 60+ years in age and yield barely 2 tons of fruit per acre! This traditionally managed, Domaine du Pégau estate produces 3 red Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines and one white wine, as well as vine de table wines. Grenache noir is present at about 70% on the terroir of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOP. It is the grape variety which makes up 80% of the Domaine du Pégau vineyards.

Domaine du Pégau completes its panoply of grape varieties with Syrah with a violet scent and its consistency in the mouth. The Mourvèdre with wild and rustic aromas guarantees long aging. The other five grape varieties are: Cinsault, the real aromatic complement by its delicacy; Counoise adds a gentle red fruit aroma; Vaccarèse a juicy color; Muscardin and the Terret Noir are the keys which allow the Châteauneuf-du-Pape to be distinguished by another appellation.

Step by step, the investments in vineyards were rewarded, and since then Domaine du Pégau has continued to expand its operations and distribution networks around the world.

VINEYARD

48+ acres red Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, other authorized varieties including Counoise, Cinsault, Vaccarèse). 3.7 acres white Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Clairette, Grenache Blanc, Bourboulenc, Roussanne), nearly 20 acres of red Vin de Table. CdP vineyards are located in the communes of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Courthézon (La Crau), and Bédarrides (Cabanes de Saint Jean and Les Escondudes).

TERROIR

101+ acres of Côtes du Rhône Villages (nearly 62 acres), Côtes du Rhône (12+ acres), and Vin de Table (27+ acres) planted in deep, stony, clay soils marked by round galets that characterize the Châteauneuf-du-Pape region.

VITICULTURE

From vines averaging 35 to 60 years in age planted in stony, clay-based soils. Harvested by hand.

VINIFICATION

No de-stemming. The varieties were vinified together. Spontaneous fermentation of 10-14 days using native yeasts, with 2 pump-overs per day. Delicately pressed and kept in enamel tanks until bottling. Unoaked.

AGING

1 year in enameled vats.

TASTING NOTES

"Maclura" is a type of Osage Orange tree (also known by the name Hedge Apple). There are many of these trees on the Chateau grounds, inspiring the name of this cuvée. Intense aromas of cassis, blackberry, and spice, with soft, ripe, tannins on the palate and a lingering finish.

