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Domaine de Servans Côtes du Rhône

The Domaine at-a-glance

Owners: Pierre, Nuria, and Philippe Granier
Winemakers: Pierre and Philippe Granier
Soil: Sandy-Clay; Limestone **Year Est:** 1920
Size: 24 Ha **Location:** Tulette, Southern Rhône Valley
Appellations Produced: Côtes du Rhône



Philippe Granier



Hyppolite & Marie Granier, who created the domaine in 1920

Domaine de Servans is located in the town of Tulette, which is situated between the towns of Nyons, famous for its olives, and Orange, famous for its Roman theatre. Tulette is a tiny village of under 2000 inhabitants, completely surrounded by vineyards. Domaine de Servans was established in 1920 by Pierre Granier's grandparents, Hyppolite and Marie Granier. Pierre's son Philippe is now the fourth generation of the family to make wine at this domaine. They are fortunate enough to possess 24 hectares of vineyards, among the oldest vineyards in Tulette. This generation is now doing everything it can to elevate the quality of their wine. At harvest, they hand pick, and hand select, only grapes of highest maturity and



Barrel room at Domaine de Servans

quality level. They then sort the grapes once again at the winery, to further ensure that no unripe or unhealthy grapes find their way into the wine. Over the last few years they have gone through the process of obtaining organic certification. Their wines are now certified organic by Ecocert.

The Graniers are constantly investing in improvements while striving to link the traditions of the past with the modern techniques of the present. Their goal is to produce elegant and powerful wines representative of their beautiful terroir.

Domaine de Servans - Côtes du Rhône, Rouge 2014

Technical Notes: The grapes for this wine are organically grown in sandy-clay soil in two different parcels: 4 hectares surrounding the domaine; and 4.5 hectares in the quarter called le Moulinas. The yields are 45 to 50 hl/ha and the vines average 40 years in age. The grapes are harvested by hand with a hand triage to select only the best quality grapes. They are de-stemmed and crushed, followed by maceration in temperature controlled tanks. The two grape varieties are vinified separately based on the time at which they are harvested. This ensures that each grape variety is brought in and vinified at optimal maturity. The wine rests in tank and is raked 2 to 3 times over the winter.



Grenache 65%, Syrah 35%

Tasting Notes: Again in 2014 the Graniers decided to continue to increase the percentage of Syrah in their blend. This increase has given the wine added depth and concentration, without sacrificing balance in the wine. In the mouth, rich blackberry notes give way to red cherry and black pepper spice. Even with the increased percentage of Syrah, the tannins are very supple and round in the finish. This is a classic example of a Côtes du Rhône, ideal for backyard barbecue, burgers on the grill, or even pizza.

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