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Domaine Prat Sura Vacqueyras

The Domaine at-a-glance

Owner: Olivier Gras
Winemaker: Olivier Gras
Soil: galets roulées and limestone gravel **Size:** 6 Ha
Location: Vacqueyras, France



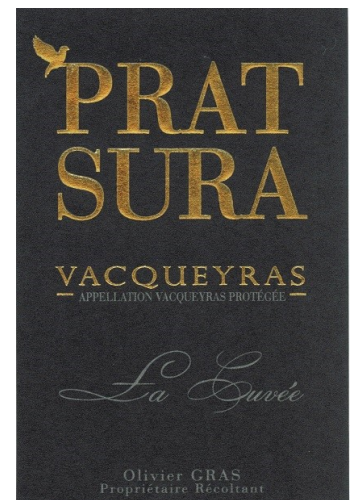
Olivier Gras

This is a very young domaine. In 2011 Olivier Gras decided to create Prat Sura. His Vacqueyras comes from small, fragmented, vineyards where the vines have an average age of 35 years old. The vines are grown with a great respect of the environment. These plots of hilly scrubland, planed with Grenache and Syrah are tended with care throughout the year in order to obtain a wine that expresses the virtues of this great terroir.



Soil at Prat Sura

The work in the vineyards, and the harvest is completely done by hand. The land is all sustainably farmed, with respect for the environment being a core principle of the domaine. To obtain that Oliver wants, he often works alone in the vineyards, except during the harvest period. This autonomy allows him the total control over the final product.



50% Grenache, 50% Syrah

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Technical Notes:

This small 6Ha (14 acre) estate has been in Olivier's family for generations. However, they never produced their own wine. Olivier took back his vineyards from the cooperative and now is producing some amazing, sustainably farmed, wines. The grapes in this wine are all hand harvested and 100% destemmed. The wine spends 12 months 30% in French oak barrels (1 and 2 years old), and 70% in tank, before bottling.

Tasting Notes:

This Vacqueyras really overdelivers for its appellation. In the mouth blackberry, and black cherry fruit flavors are complemented by black pepper and garrigue notes. The finish is long and lingering where mouth-coating, wild briary fruits, mix with herbs de Provence flavors. This is an ideal wine for grilled meats and barbeque.