

CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE “LE MAZET” 2021



VARIETY & TERROIR

60% Syrah, 40% Grenache on calcareous soils and round pebbles.

VINEYARD AGE & YIELD

60 year-old estate vines from the village of Serignan du Comtat & 30 hl/ha

FARMING PRACTICES

organic and biodynamic

VINIFICATION & AGING

Manual harvesting and sorting, 100% destemming and native fermentation in concrete tanks. Manual punch-down and delestages during the maceration. Aged in truncated oak vats for 14 months.

ALCOHOL

15 %

PRODUCTION

13 260 bottles

The Vacheron family behind Clos du Caillou acquired an old estate in Courthézon called Domaine de Panisse, which has existed for centuries and never been touched by chemicals, but since modern times has only sold their fruit to négoce. Just below Beaucastel on the northern boundary of the appellation, the estate has 7 hectares that sits on the confluence of where the three major terroirs of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape all meet (galets roulés pudding stones, compacted clay and pure sand). The vines are old massale plantings of Mourvèdre, Grenache, and a little Cinsault with between 60-100 years of vine age.

Named for the famous Marcel Pagnol, character Honoré Panisse, which Alice Waters also chose to pay homage to at her Berkely restaurant in 1971, the old-style reds from this new/old Domaine similarly echo a memory of the Provence of yesteryear. Finding Grenache from one of The great terroirs of France that are delicious, elegant and inviting - and that you actually want to drink! - feels almost too good to be true, but as my previous employer wrote after discovering the Hermitage from J.L. Chave, “May this just be the beginning.” - Lyle Railsback