

Côtes du Rhône 'O' Font', Les Deux Cols Rhône Valley, France



Product code	DX14ZZRC
Grapes	
Country	FRANCE
ABV%	14
Case Size	12
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Les Deux Cols
Vintage	2023









Producer

An eight hectare property founded in 2016 and owned by Simon Tyrrell, Charles Derain and Gerard Maguire. Their organically farmed vineyards are aged between 30-70 years old and situated in the hills above the village of Saint Gervais in the northern part of the Gard. The altitude, sandy soils, surrounding forests and exposure to the Mistral, help bring freshness to the grapes. In the cellar, the approach depends on the parcels and the vintage with full crushing and destemming for some plots and partial de-stemming for others. Only indigenous yeasts are used and alcoholic fermentation is done in stainless steel tanks and generally below 25°. Ageing takes place in tank for Alizé and demi-muid and 228 litre barrels for Trois Terroirs and Chemin des Fonts.

Tasting Notes

Ruby red in colour. Aromas of black cherries, plums and black olives. On the palate it is medium bodied, with a silky texture, fine tannins and a fresh acidity.

Viticulture

Part of the Grenache comes a selection of grapes from Vacquière (sandy loam, red clay & limestone) and the Syrah and remaining Grenache are sourced from Le Mazet (loam and clay over limestone). Organic conversion Age of vines: 30 years on average.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand harvested, de-stemmed and lightly crushed before being transferred to tank. 5% of the bunches were adde whole cluster. Alcoholic fermentation was carried out at low temperatures (25°C) in order to retain fresh fruit aromas and extraction is achieved by daily, gentle pumpovers. The Grenache did its malolactic fermentation and further ageing on fine lees during eight months in tank whilst the



Syrah was racked into older 500 litre demimuids and 228 litre barrels for its malolactic fermentation and aging for 8 months.