

Il Etait Une Foix Rouge, Domaine de Fondreche

Rhône Valley, France



Product code	FE09ZZRC
Grapes	Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah
Country	FRANCE
ABV%	14.5
Case Size	12
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Domaine de Fondreche
Vintage	2019



Biodynamic



Organic Conversion



Vegan



Vegetarian

FONDRECHE

Producer

Sébastien Vincenti, the founder and owner of this 38 hectare estate never sits on his laurels. There is a constant search for perfection, questioning every move and decision and the evolution in the quality of the wines has been a joy to behold. Sitting directly under the imposing Mont Ventoux and spread across three large parcels, the land benefits from both low disease pressure as well as the cooling effect of the mountain. The farming today has evolved from organic to Sébastien's own interpretation with a greater use of cover crops, no chemicals and work carried out according to the lunar cycle. In the winery, Sébastien likes to de-stem the reds and ferment them in cement tanks with further ageing in foudres for his Grenache and barrels and concrete eggs for Syrah and Mourvèdre, the more reductive varieties. The white is fermented and aged in tank.

Tasting Notes

Grenache/Syrah. Medium bodied but with concentrated black fruit aromas of plums and black cherries with a hint of black olives and liquorice. A defined structure with fine tannins that carry the flavours to a long finish. The wine opens with notes of raspberry, pepper and garrigue. A long mouth on spices and cocoa. A longer than wide wine with incredible finesse, silky tannins and a rare freshness.

Viticulture

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Winemaking

Traditional, vatting for 14 to 21 days with only a few small punches down to promote slow and gradual extraction. Aged for 12 months on the lees in tuns for the Grenache and in barrels for the Syrah and the Mourvèdre. Bottled fruit day. An ecological vine culture... We always choose the most ecological solution. Our whole vineyard is cultivated without herbicides. Through natural or sown vegetation, we are strongly in favour of the green fertilizers that leguminous plants can be. They improve soil structure and take part in the integrated and biological protection by increasing the population of biological allies. All our interventions on the vine follow the moon calendar, in order to reinforce its natural defences.

Awards

"Jeb Dunnuck 96/100 (2020) Top 100 of the Year

95/100 (2019)

93-95/100 (2018)

94/100 (2017)

95/100 (2016)

The Wine Advocate 92-94+/100 (2019)

92-94/100 (2018)

92/100 (2017)

94/100 (2016) (2015)

The Wine spectator 92 /100 (2016)

91 /100 (2018)

Jancis Robinson 17.5/20 (2016) by Richard Hemming

Matt Walls 94 /100 (2016)

Wine Enthusiast 94/100 (2018) by Anna LEE C.IIJIMA

93/100 (2016)

Vinum 18/20 (2016)"