

Domaine des 3 Cellier 2019 Cotes du Rhone Rouge

Producer	Dom. Des 3 Cellier
WineWise Code	F3C-CDR19
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Color	Red
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
ABV	14.5
Acidity	3.08
Residual Sugar	<1
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production (this wine only)	840 cases
Varieties	Grenache Noir 65% , Syrah 30% , Mourvèdre 5%
Pumpover or Punchdown?	yes
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Concrete
Fermentation Duration	2 weeks
Aging Method	Stainless Steel
Aging Duration (Months)	5-7 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining_Agents	Gelatine
Yeast	Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur?	Yes
Vineyard Name(s)	Husson Nord, Saint-Laurent
Soil Type	Alluvial, Calcareous, Gravel
Vine Age (years)	30
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	34
Farming Practices	Certified Organic
Vine Training Notes	goblet pruning and Royat Cordon pruning
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

WineWise Notes:

What an introduction to the forthright virtues of 3 Cellier. A supple, fervid and spicy brew of delicious black fruit that is almost dangerously gulpable. Hailing from two small parcels totalling about half a hectare just outside the appellation of Châteauneuf itself, this greets you like a Labrador puppy wagging its tail.



Notes about the producer:

The Cellier (that really is their name!) family domaine goes back eight generations. Its current title alludes to the three brothers (and one sister-in-law) who took the reins from father Marc in 2007. 13 of their 14+ hectares of vines are distributed among no fewer than 24 parcels that are scattered throughout the appellation, including one 4 hectare plot in the northern Terres Blanches that makes an important contribution to the estate's quality. The average age of their vines is 45 years. Viticulture has been certified organic by Ecocert for many years now.

What attracted us to the wines was a sense of authenticity to accompany the flamboyance and power one comes to expect in modern examples of this storied appellation. They are also strikingly reasonable in price for their quality, even after the unexpected and unwelcome extension of the Trump Tariff to them. They make a nice counterpoint to the more classical wines of our Châteauneuf pioneer, Domaine du Banneret.

