

Domaine Richaud,
Rasteau\$ 2017
Rasteau, Southern Rhône, France

DOMAINE
RICHAUD



Grape Varieties	50% Carignan 50% Grenache
Winemaker	Claire Richaud
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15.5%
Residual Sugar	0.3g/L
Acidity	4.25g/L
Wine pH	3.67
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Practising Biodynamic, Vegan

PRODUCER

Domaine Richaud, situated in the heart of Cairanne, has a reputation for producing some of the finest wines of the Southern Rhône, characterised by bright fruit, superb balance and great drinkability. Marcel Richaud is the fifth generation of his family to make wine. Stylistically, he sees himself as having more in common with Burgundy's Côte d'Or than with what he describes as "the over-extracted wines of the South". Today, his daughters Claire and Édith and his son Thomas run the family domaine.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards cover 30 hectares outside the village of Cairanne, on the road to Rasteau in the Côtes du Rhône. The vines are bush trained and low yielding and range from 14-30 years old on average, which gives excellent concentration to the wines. Yields are approximately 30-35 hectolitres per hectare. The soil in these vineyards are rocky and poor, encouraging the roots to grow deep down into the ground, which gives excellent access to water reserves in this dry climate, as well as nutrients to keep the vine nourished.

VINTAGE

The 2017 vintage brought some challenges to Domaine Richaud. Unfortunately the Grenache vineyard was affected by grapevine trunk disease which reduced the yields and required the fruit to be very carefully selected upon harvest. However, the weather conditions through the ripening period were sunny and warm and while yields were very small, the quality was high.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place using indigenous yeasts in stainless-steel tanks at low temperatures with gentle pumping over. The wine was aged in 50% oak and 50% concrete vats for 12 months before being bottled without fining or filtration.

TASTING NOTES

A deep ruby colour in the glass, this wine has aromatics of redcurrants and raspberries with a touch of tobacco. Rich and silky with mellow tannins, the palate is full of red fruit flavours and notes of cacao and toasted brioche.