

Domaine Richaud,
Cairanne 2020
Cairanne, Southern Rhône, France

DOMAINE
RICHAUD



Grape Varieties

40%	Grenache
20%	Mourvèdre
20%	Syrah
10%	Carignan
10%	Counoise

Winemaker	Marcel Richaud
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15.5%
Residual Sugar	0.4g/L
Acidity	4.1g/L
Wine pH	3.73
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 40-70 years old on average, which gives excellent concentration to the wines. Yields are approximately 30 hectolitres per hectare. The soil in these vineyards is 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. Marcel chooses fruit for this wine carefully, from six small vineyards: Chantal, Les Combes, Les Garrigues, Les Bayes, Les Partides and La Ridet to ensure very high quality in the wine.

VINTAGE

2020 was an excellent vintage in the region. A rainy spring replenished water reserves in the soils followed by excellent conditions at flowering. Warm and dry conditions at harvest resulted in low disease pressure and good yields of concentrated berries.

VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place with minimal intervention. The wine then aged in the cellar, without fining or filtration, for 1 year in a mix of Foudres (30%), 600 litre Demi-Muids (30%) and concrete tanks (40%). A tiny amount of sulphur was added at bottling to ensure stability.

TASTING NOTES

An intense ruby in colour, this wine displays notes of ripe red fruits with hints of chocolate and gentle spice from time in oak. The palate is full-bodied and expressive, yet elegant, with juicy fruit flavours marrying perfectly with well-integrated tannins and soft spicy notes from the Mourvèdre.