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Maison Lavau Côtes du Rhône Villages

COUNTRY

France

REGION

Côtes du Rhône

GRAPE

50% Grenache, 50% Syrah

VINTAGE

2018

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

The story of the Lavau family, with its passion for wine and its love of the terroir and the land, began in Saint-Émilion in the 19th century. Jean-Guy Lavau and his wife Anne-Marie returned to France, from Tunisia, in the 1960s and took charge of a small winemaking cellar in Sablet at the heart of the Rhone Valley. This would become the Maison LAVAU in 1965. Today, the Maison Lavau is one of the last family-run and independent wine estates in the Rhone Valley, run by Frédéric, Benoît, Bénédicte and Charles. Maison Lavau continues to be a family-run estate, encapsulating the philosophy; to produce top quality wines, promote and reflect the diversity of the Rhone Valley by representing the most emblematic and prestigious appellations of this region.

WINEMAKING

The Grenache and Syrah vines are planted on clay-limestone plains which are particularly well exposed and are managed to obtain a yield of around 40 hl/ha. The grapes are entirely de-stemmed and placed in temperature-controlled vats to macerate for around 18 days during which time only pumping-over operations are carried out. 50 % of the wine is aged in vat, and 50 % in 450L barrels previously used for 1 or 2 vintages, for a period of 12 months, before being blended with the vat-aged wine.

TASTING NOTES

The delicately oaky nose offers up aromas of sweet spices which subtly mingle with notes of blackberry and blackcurrant. On the palate, there is a concentration of aromas underpinned by pronounced, yet lovely smooth, tannins. Ideal with grills, good charcuterie or Camembert.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
14.2%

Acidity
6.5 g/L