La Vieille Ferme

La Vieille Ferme Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge - 2023

Since 1970, La Vieille Ferme has produced, vintage after vintage, authentic, sincere and tasty wines. On some of the world's best restaurant wine lists as well as those of the best bistros, La Vieille Ferme is unanimously recognized.

PRESENTATION
The best terroirs of the Côtes du Rhône were identified historically and only 20% can be labelled "Villages". Normally found on geological faults, they also benefit from a geological complexity that produces grapes of superior quality.

THE VINTAGE
The 2023 vintage is characterised by a beautiful climatic balance, which is reflected in the cellar. The mild winter was followed by a dry spring then a hot summer, particularly in August and September. Despite a slight lack of rain, these conditions allowed ideal ripening and the harvest began on August 22nd in perfect conditions. Under a warm and radiant sun, the harvest went perfectly, even if it was necessary to work quickly to prevent the juices from oxidizing in the heat, particularly the rosés. The harvest ended on October 4, with the last devatting on October 23. The first tastings reveal very balanced wines: they are rich, powerful and have good concentration, while having retained a beautiful freshness. A vintage that shows great potential.

TERROIR
Clay and limestone soils and gravelly soils.

AGEING
The harvest date is determined by checking the ripeness of the grapes with analysis and tasting the berries. As soon as they arrive at the winery, the grapes are sorted and destemmed. The fermentation takes place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks between 150hl and 190hl. The extraction is done by pumping over and the frequency is determined by tasting. After racking and malolactic fermentation, the wines are transferred partly to oak barrels, partly to oak Foudres and finally the rest goes into stainless steel vats where they will be aged for a year.

VARIETALS
Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah

SERVING
Serve at 18°C.

TASTING
Beautiful, intense ruby-??red colour with purple undertones, clear and shiny. THe nose offers warm and delicious aromas of black fruit and violet, punctuated by a light smoky touch. Fleshy and easy to drink, the palate reveals suave notes of red fruit and spices, well balanced by a beautiful freshness. A delicious wine, very drinkable.

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