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TASTING NOTES

Old vines offer restricted yields and vigor while concentrating energy on the grapes. This is evident here as the wine showcases intense red and black fruits, underbrush, roasted aromas and spice.

Domaine de la Charbonniere

Chateauneuf du Pape
Vieilles Vignes

COUNTRY ABV
France 15.5%

REGION VARIETALS
Rhône 95% Grenache
5% Mourvedre

APPELLATION
Chateauneuf-du-Pape

WINERY

Domaine de la Charbonniere has always been deeply familial, with the fourth generation of the Maret family now in charge; the eldest daughter, Veronique Maret, took over winemaking responsibilities in 2007 and she and her sister Caroline have run operations since 2014 (though the entire family, including their mother, Mireille, and father, Michel, can still be found working hard in every aspect of the winemaking process). The estate covers 18.5 hectares of Chateauneuf-du-Pape, 4 hectares of Vacqueyras (in Sarrians), 2 hectares of Cotes du Rhone, and 3 hectares of IGP.

Veronique's most notable influences at Domaine de la Charbonniere have been to update and modernize the winery itself while also more adamantly employing organic winemaking practices. She brings new perspective and energy to a traditional estate that will surely find itself in the spotlight in vintages to come.

CULTIVATION

65-100 year old vines predominantly from La Crau and sometimes from the Coudoulet and Le Cristia parcels depending on the vintage. Very low yield of 8-12 hl/ha and a density of 4,000 vines/ha.