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TASTING NOTES

Robust red with load of rich cassis, blackberry, and woody underbrush.

Domaine des Schistes La Coumeille

COUNTRY	ABV
France	15%
REGION	VARIETALS
Languedoc-Roussillon	85% Syrah
APPELLATION	10% Grenache Noir
AOC Cotes du Roussillon Villages	5% Carignan

WINERY

Domaine des Schistes prides itself on the rich history of the Roussillon and operates with a philosophy that prioritizes regional tradition while also emphasizing modern styles and methodology, focusing on estate-bottled wine, vineyard-specific cuvees, and committing to organic winemaking. Their first vinification was in 1989 and their vineyard holdings have since grown to cover 55 hectares.

As the name suggests, the domain is planted mostly on shaly marls. Their vineyards lie on the slopes of the Corbieres foothills, largely in superficial soil that requires the vine's roots to grow deep down into the faults of the mountain to extract the necessary moisture. The diversity of soil, exposure, and microclimate across their vineyard sites enables Domaine des Schistes to produce a range of wines, each with its own striking character yet hallmarked by a mineral touch from the shale soils and the warmth of the Roussillon's grape varieties.

CULTIVATION

From grapes grown in superficial and unfertile soil, resulting in a small yield. Manual harvest.

VINIFICATION

Traditional maceration of 75% destemmed grapes.

AGING

Aged in large Austrian oak vats for 12 months.