

DOMAINE DE NIZAS



2014 DOMAINE DE NIZAS LES TERRES NOIRES BLANC

WINEMAKER :	Nathalie Arnaud-Bernard
REGION :	Languedoc, France
VARIETALS :	Roussanne (46%), Vermentino (36%), Viognier (18%)
MATURATION :	Roussanne aged on lees for 8 months in French oak
ANALYSIS :	13.5 % alc/vol TA: 5.13 g/L pH: 3.28

VINEYARD :

The vineyard of Domaine de Nizas lies in a triangle between the towns of Pézenas, Caux and Nizas and also between two lava spurs that form a natural amphitheater which protects against extreme weather. Surrounded by Garrigue (the local countryside's abundant wild herbs) the vineyard is a unique mosaic of three deep, well-draining soil types. River pebbles (Villafranchian) impart freshness and fine tannins. Limestone creates powerful wines with red fruit aromas. Basalt soils result in wines with complex aromas and elegant structure and this wine is named for them: 'les terres noires' translates to 'the black earth' in English. Ever mindful of the importance of having a long-term view, Domaine de Nizas' vineyard has been certified sustainable since 2007.

WINEMAKING :

The grapes were immediately transported to the winery where they were gently de-stemmed. The fruit was then softly pressed and each lot carefully separated. The Vermentino and Viognier juice was fermented at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks to retain varietal freshness. The Roussanne was fermented in seasoned French oak. Following fermentation, the portions in oak underwent regular lees stirring for eight months to build texture and palate weight.

TASTING NOTES :

A very intense bouquet with aromas of citrus, white peach and wild fennel. The palate is well balanced, clean and crisp, expressing all the flavors in a fresh complexity and lingering finish. A surprisingly expressive southern French white wine that embodies the Domaine de Nizas style of balance and elegance.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM : Not yet reviewed

ABOUT DOMAINE DE NIZAS :

Located near the medieval village of Pézenas in the heart of the Languedoc region, Domaine de Nizas was created in 1998, by John Goelet, an American descendant of a family of Bordeaux wine merchants. He then gave Bernard Portet, of Clos du Val fame, the mission of selecting the most promising terroirs around Pézenas (and the world) to establish the Estate. Portet acquired individual plots that represented three different soil types ultimately creating a rich and diverse source of grapes for crafting artisanal wines of extraordinary quality and depth.



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