

DOMAINE DE NIZAS



2016 DOMAINE DE NIZAS LES PIERRES BLANCHES ROSÉ

WINEMAKER: Nathalie Arnaud-Bernard
REGION: Languedoc, France
VARIETALS: Syrah (40%), Grenache (40%), Mourvèdre (20%)
MATURATION: Stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 13.5 % alc/vol | pH: 3.23

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 while limestone creates powerful wines with red fruit aromas. This wine is named for both - 'les pierres blanches' translates to 'the white stones' in English. Basalt soils are also present and result in wines with complex aromas and elegant structure. 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 picked at night and immediately transported to the winery. After de-stemming, the juice was left in contact with the skins for up to 12 hours to extract color and build texture. The grapes were then gently pressed and the juice moved to stainless steel tanks where fermentation took place at an average temperature of 57°F. The wine was matured for three months in vats with regular lees stirring before bottling.

TASTING NOTES:

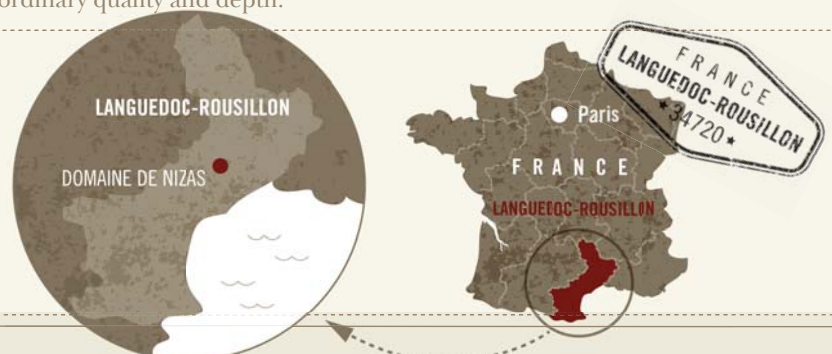
A soft fruity and fresh rosé with an appealing soft rose color and violet hints. Its bouquet develops intense aromas of red fruit, aniseed and candied violet notes. The palate is smooth, round and well balanced with a lingering finish.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

89 pts Vinous, 87 pts Wine Enthusiast

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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