

DOMAINE DE NIZAS



2016 DOMAINE DE NIZAS LES TERRES 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: 14.0 % alc/vol | pH: 3.29

VINEYARD:

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. Ever mindful of the importance of having a long-term view, Domaine de Nizas' holds the highest (strictest) HVE sustainable certification and has been using organic viticultural practices since 2007.

WINEMAKING:

The grapes were harvested at night and 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:

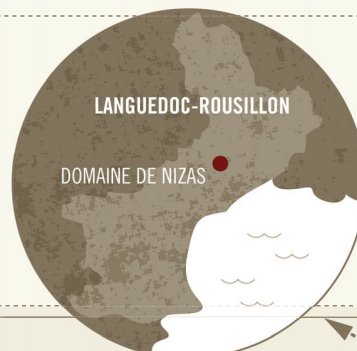
It's often forgotten that the South of France is capable of producing some of the best white wines in the country. With the help of the Hérault River bringing freshness to the vineyard, and the altitude keeping a lively and bright acidity, the Viognier and the Vermentino are thriving on deep and fresh clay-limestone soils bringing delicate mineral aromas of wet stone and sweet spices. The palate is clean and crisp, expressing all the flavors in a fresh complexity. A satisfying and expressive southern French white wine that embodies the Domaine de Nizas style of balance and elegance.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM:

Not yet reviewed. 2015 vintage: **90 pts** Wine Spectator

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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