

2018 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

AOP ROSÉ

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WINEMAKER: François Lurton
REGION: Languedoc, France
VARIETALS: Syrah (42%), Grenache (35%), Mourvèdre (23%)
MATURATION: Fine lees in stainless steel for two weeks
ANALYSIS: 13.5 % alc/vol | pH: 3.35

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 while limestone creates powerful wines with red fruit aromas. 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: After destemming the grapes are left to maceration for 5 to 6 days to extract color. The grapes are then gently pressed and the juice is cold settled. Fermentation takes place with indigenous yeasts at cold temperatures. At the end of the alcoholic fermentation, the wine is left on fine lees for about two weeks with regular battonage to build texture. The three parcels are then blended at the end of November and bottled soon after.

TASTING NOTES: A soft, fruity and fresh rosé with an appealing pale pink color and apricot highlights. Aromas of white peach, fresh currant, raspberry with hints of grapefruit peel. The palate is round and textural with flavors of ripe white fruits and shaved fennel. The wine finishes long and fresh.

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.

