

2014 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

LE CLOS

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WINEMAKER: Nathalie Arnaud-Bernard
REGION: Languedoc, France
VARIETALS: Syrah (60%), Mourvedre (35%), Grenache (5%)
MATURATION: 12 to 18 months in French oak (25% new) and stainless steel
ANALYSIS: 14.0 % alc/vol | pH: 3.55

VINEYARDS: At Nizas, Syrah is the queen. When one sees how this grape variety is expressed on the granite soils of the Rhône Valley there is a better understanding of why it occupies almost all the volcanic soils on the estate. Surrounded by Garrigue (the local countryside's abundant wild herbs) the vineyards are 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. Domaine de Nizas holds the highest (strictest) HVE sustainable certification and has been using organic viticultural practices since 2007.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked and immediately transported to the winery where they were gently de-stemmed. Fermentation took place in open top stainless steel tanks. Total maceration lasted over three weeks. The must was pressed and some wine was transferred to new and seasoned French oak, while some remained in stainless steel for 12 to 18 months of maturation before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES: The Domaine de Nizas 2014 Le Clos has aromas of blackberries, Mediterranean herbs and spices. This is an elegant wine with soft tannins and notes of spice and cherry on the palate, followed by a long finish. Its richness and complexity pair well with spicy and savory dishes.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: Not yet rated

ABOUT DOMAINE DE NIZAS: Domaine de Nizas is located near the medieval village of Pézenas in the heart of the Languedoc region. It was originally established in 1998 by Franco-American agriculturist, John Goelet, a member of a distinguished family in Bordeaux. With Bernard Portet at his side, a fellow visionary in the world of wine, they shared a driving ambition to create great wines in exceptional terroirs. This led to the creation of Clos du Val in Napa Valley as well as Taltarni and Clover Hill in Australia. In 2018, the legendary Domaines François Lurton acquired the winery coveted for its diversity of rich and rare soil types, vineyards cooled by a northerly wind, and a history of wine production dating back to the 7th Century. Both Goelet and Portet remain involved as technical advisors.

