

2018 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

GRAND VIN ROUGE

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WINEMAKER:

François Lurton

REGION:

Languedoc, France

VARIETALS:

Syrah (60%), Grenache (20%), Mourvèdre (20%)

MATURATION:

10 months in two and three year old French oak barrels

ANALYSIS:

14.5% alc/vol | pH: 3.68

VINEYARD: The terroir of Pézenas is one of the most complex in France. 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 an elegant structure. Ever mindful of the importance of having a long-term view, Domaine de Nizas' vineyard has been certified sustainable since 2007 and is in conversion to be organic in 2023.

WINEMAKING: The grapes were picked and immediately transported to the winery where they were gently de-stemmed, except for the Syrah. All three varieties were co-fermented by layer, not mixed, in open top stainless steel tanks. Total maceration lasted over three weeks. The must was pressed and some wine was transferred to two and three year old French oak for 10 months before being bottled.

TASTING NOTES: Enticing aromas of ripe berries, cocoa, leather and spice give way to red fruit, cassis and a touch of earth, supported by smooth silky tannins. This wine is a delight and rivals any Châteauneuf-du-Pape!

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 88 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.

