

2018 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

LE CLOS ROUGE



WINEMAKER: François Lurton Winemaking Team
REGION: Languedoc, France
VARIETALS: Syrah (60%), Grenache (20%), Mourvèdre (15%), Carignan (5%)
MATURATION: Aged in stainless steel and amphoras
ANALYSIS: 14.1% alc/vol | pH: 3.72

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 are picked at night and the Syrah and Mourvedre experience cold maceration for about 5 days in an inert vat. Several times a day, the vats are drawn and the aroma precursors are released as well as the color. The temperature is raised to encourage a spontaneous fermentation. Once fermented, several cap plungings are necessary for the desired tannic extraction.

TASTING NOTES: Smooth and sensual, this red blend reveals intense notes of red fruits. The plush fruit and spice flavors of Syrah are deliciously balanced by the sweetness of old vine Grenache and the vivacity of Mourvèdre. The addition of Carignan brings everything together to create this generous and structured wine.

CRITICAL ACCLAIM: 92 pts/Best Buy Wine & Spirits, 90 pts Wine Spectator

ABOUT DOMAINE DE NIZAS: Domaine de Nizas is located near the medieval village of Pézenas in the heart of the Languedoc region. Originally established in 1998, the winery is 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. In 2018, legendary Domaines François Lurton acquired the winery. Lurton has taken over the winegrowing and winemaking, with one goal in mind - to express the true potential of the exceptional terroir of Pézenas, the ideal place to produce quality wines, with extraordinary depth.

