

2019 DOMAINE DE NIZAS

GRAND VIN ROUGE



WINEMAKER:	François Lurton
REGION:	Languedoc, France
VARIETALS:	Syrah (70%), Grenache (30%)
MATURATION:	Aged in stainless steel, amphoras and new 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 wine then aged in stainless steel, amphoras and new French oak barrels.

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!

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.

