



## Domaine du Grand Prieur, AOP Vacqueyras, Rouge, 2023

AOC Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France



### PRESENTATION

Located in the "Hautes Garrigues" in Sarrians, Domaine du Grand Prieur is one of the oldest estates in Vacqueyras as the property dates back to the year 980. It has been created by Guillaume the 1st, Count of Provence and has been acquired by the Gras family in 1880. Today, Léo Gras and his two sons look after the vines, respecting the family tradition.

### THE VINTAGE

2023 was a year full of contrasts: warm temperatures at the end of December and beginning of January raised concerns about early budding; a return to normalcy continued until February with relatively cool weather; a persistent drought accompanied by a strong Mistral wind, followed by regular rainfall until the end of June. Thanks to constant vigilance in the vineyards, the berries were healthy and well-ripened when harvest started, promising one of the finest vintages of the past decade.

### TERROIR

Terraces of pebbles on clayey soils

### WINEMAKING

Destemming of the grapes. Fermentation in stainless steel tanks with regular pumping over. Maceration lasts for around 3 weeks.

### VARIETALS

Grenache noir 57%, Syrah 31%, Cinsault 12%

Contains sulphites.

### TECHNICAL DATA

Residual Sugar: inférieur à 2 g/l

### SERVING

14-16°C

### TASTING

Aromas of morello cherries and violet with hints of soft spices. The palate is round with smooth tannins. The finale is long with notes of garrigue and liquorice.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Roasted meat, cheeses, French ratatouille...



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