



# Terroir Daronton, Gigondas, Rouge, 2023

AOC Gigondas, Vallée du Rhône, France

## **PRESENTATION**

Originating from 13 names... those of the thirteen founders who came together and gathered a team of expert winemakers to create a trusted signature for Rhone Valley wines. As a tribute to their work, the name DARONTON was born from a blend of parts of their names.

#### THE VINTAGE

2023 was full of contrast! Warm temperatures at the beginning of winter, then a return to normalcy until February; Spring was characterized by a persistent drought and strong wind, followed by regular rainfall until the end of June. Our winegrower partners have worked a lot in the vineyards to preserve the grapes. At the beginning of the harvest, berries were healthy and well-ripened, promising one of the finest vintages of the past decade.

#### **TERROIR**

Vines are located in the Grand Montmirail, Prébayon and Col du Cayron areas. Soils are made of clay, limestone and sandstones up to 500m high.

## WINEMAKING

Hand harvest. Pumping-over at the beginning of the fermentation. Long vatting (20 days min.) at controlled temperatures (27-30°C).

#### **AGEING**

8-10 months in concrete tanks.

## **VARIETALS**

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre

Contains sulphites.

#### **SERVING**

14-16°C.

#### TASTING

Dark red color. Complex and rich nose of red fruits, spices and undergrowth. Velvety on the mouth with aromas of ripe red fruits and soft spices.

### **FOOD PAIRINGS**

Red meat, grilled lamb, roasted vegetables, cheeses.



