



Rhonéa - Castellas, Vacqueyras, Red, 2023

AOC Vacqueyras, Vallée du Rhône, France

PRESENTATION

RHONÉA, as the name suggests, is the trusted choice for Rhône Valley wines. Our Artisans winegrowers & winemakers have been committed since 1925 to bring you the best from our vineyards & let you taste more than just wine, but the quality & authenticity of our terroirs.

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

The vines are located on the "Plateau des Garrigues" between Vacqueyras & Sarrians. On alluvial deposits and clay-limestone soils.

WINEMAKING

Hand harvest. Grapes are vinified separately to preserve the characteristics of each variety. Syrah grapes are aged in "Foudres" and 225l-oak barrels (1-3 years) for 8 months before final blending.

VARIETALS

Grenache noir, Syrah, Mourvèdre

Contains sulphites.

SERVING

14-16°C

TASTING

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FOOD PAIRINGS

Meats in sauce, vegetables with tomato sauce, roasted in the oven at a low temperature...

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK

89-91/100

"Notes of cassis, black cherries, Provençal spice and garrigue all emerge from the 2023 Vacqueyras Castellas, a pure, elegant medium-bodied Vacqueyras that has ample charm and character."

Jeb Dunnuck

