
DOMAINE LES DEUX TERRES
(Ardèche, Provence)

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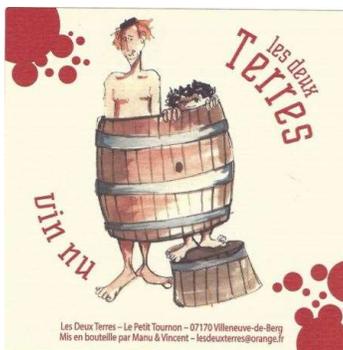
With Manu on a spring breezy day in the outskirts of Valvignères in Ardèche

Ardèche is a paradise that only a few wine lovers know. *Ardèche* is often just a footnote in wine textbooks. I hope it stays that way. The landscape and climate are similar between *Ardèche* and the other parts of *Provence*, but *Ardèche* feels intimate and unspoiled. *Ardèche* is located in the very northern part of *Provence*, away from the Mediterranean coastal towns and madding crowds of tourists. There are cypress trees and lavender fields that dot the landscape. There are country roads that stretch for miles. At night, I can see a thousand stars and fall asleep to the songs of cicadas. Perhaps, *Ardèche* is a place where *Vincent van Gogh* would have parked his easel stand.

Domaine les Deux Terres is located in *Valvignères* in *Ardèche*. *Valvignères* translates to “valley of vines”. You can see a glimpse of contours of the *Valvignères* behind Manu on the photo above. No other place in France is so exuberantly sunny than in *Ardèche*. *Provence* summer sky shines, somehow inexplicably, more luminescent than anywhere else in France. The locals have a perpetual smile and life feels a little more joyous. Well-made *Ardèche* wines are bottles of sunshine, almost like endorphin, to what feels like long winter days in our city.

VIN NU ROUGE 2020

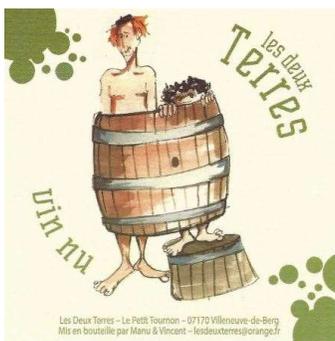
SKU: 554972 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$ 24.64 Wholesale/ \$ 32.00 Retail per bottle



Fresh. Not the descriptor you hear often about wines from the southern France. But freshness is a hallmark of *Domaine les Deux Terres* wines. A hint of raspberries with a mineral undertow. Perfumed with all that magical *garrigue* fragrance of *Provence*. Silky texture, which is an indicator of well-made Grenache. This is all Grenache, an equal blend from the vines of basalt and clay-limestone terroirs. A secret of freshness may lie in the high-altitude basalt terroir brings acidity and perfume, whereas clay-limestone terroir adds spices and structure. Best slightly chilled.

VIN NU BLANC 2020

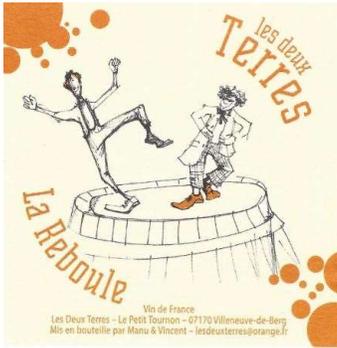
SKU: 516401 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$ 24.64 Wholesale/ \$ 32.00 Retail per bottle



Made from 90% Chardonnay and 10% Ugni Blanc grown on a high limestone plateau of 500-meter elevation above sea level. Green reflections with beauty marks of Chardonnay. There is something magical about Chardonnay grown on limestones. The backbone of elegance and grace shine through from the high-elevation limestone. Grapes are hand-harvested at dawn to capture the freshness. Fresh and fleshy, showing the generosity of *Provence*. Pressed juice is gently filled in neutral barrels to ferment. Wine of immense drinkability. Cloudy and unfiltered.

LA REBOULE 2020

SKU: 662445 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$23.42 Wholesale/ \$31.00 Retail per bottle



A bistro *vin* – nothing serious and seriously tasty. A delicious blend made with primarily Grenache with a dash of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Maceration is kept short, which makes this wine lively. Summer fruits and spices. *La Reboule* means "harvest celebration". It is a big party after last day of a harvest at the domain with harvesters and *vignerons*. This wine is made in that spirit. Who knew Grenache blends so deliciously with Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon? The Merlot and Cabernet vines are about 50 years old and give beautiful juice. A red wine to enjoy slightly chilled, sitting on a patio with your friends.

L'ADRET 2020

SKU: 428309 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$ 29.28 Wholesale/ \$ 38.00 Retail per bottle

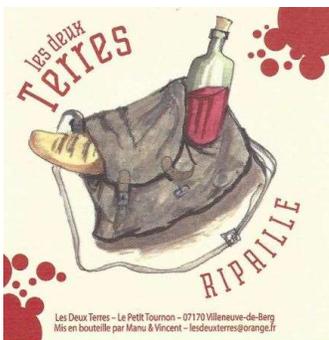


Acacia, honeysuckle nose. Pretty. Fragile. Ah, darn so French. It is 100% *Viognier*. This is the first time we received some *L'Adret*. I tasted *L'Adret* for the first time when I visited Manu and Vincent in 2015. I remember Manu climbing up the barrels to retrieve a barrel sample. Manu was hesitant for me to taste as he told me the wine was not quite ready. The wine was cloudy and fizzy. It did not matter. The nose was haunting and the taste lingered. When I asked if any was available for export, all was already spoken for. It took six years to get an allocation. *Viognier* is a high-maintenance varietal - typical French. *Viognier* vines do not like too hot or too cold, and must be planted on a stony

hill – which is exactly where the *Domaine les Deux Terres Viognier* vines are planted. Like all *Viognier*, it is best to drink within a couple years of release for its beauty is in its youth. At 12% alcohol, this *Viognier* is really fresh and dancing. It is a date wine.

RIPAILLE 2020

SKU: 589879 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$25.38 Wholesale/ \$33.00 Retail per bottle



Imbued with the *Provence* sun and herbs. This has a fuller body with dark deep colour that stains glass. Exotic spices. Made from the old vines of 100% Carignan. Where the vines are grown on a high elevation of about 500 meters on clay over jagged limestones. A beautiful vineyard. It is a treat to drink a wine made from 100% Carignan, as I do not see pure Carignan often. This wine rests for about a year in neutral barrels to settle down. *Ripaille* means to enjoy foods and drinks in abundance. The feeling of *Ripaille* is depicted on the label. Even better slightly chilled.

BRIC A BRAC 2020

SKU: 637041 SPECULATIVE 750ml 12 bottles/case
\$28.54 Wholesale/ \$37.00 Retail per bottle



100% Syrah. Inky colour – a typical colour of Syrah in youth. Wild with spices. A hint of *Provence* herbs with a mineral undertow. Syrah vines grown on a high-altitude vineyard, covered in limestones with clay on top. Fermentation is with ambient yeasts – like all of *Domaine les Deux Terres* wines. This wine is raised in neutral barrels for about ten months. The 2020 vintage was glorious and this wine has a perfect balance. Vincent and Manu make just a few barrels of this cuvée. This ages beautifully in a good cellar.



With Manu of Domaine les Deux Terres - taking a barrel sample of his Viognier L'Adret

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