Château des Tours

Vaucluse Grenache Blanc Les Tours



ABOUT THE ESTATE

- Owned by the Reynaud family since 1935, Château des Tours is the home estate of Château Rayas' renowned winemaker, Emmanuel Reynaud.
- Emmanuel has held the reins to this estate since 1989, and, true to his nature as a farmer, grows olives and grains alongside grapes.
- The vineyards are tended with the same organic methods used in all of Emmanuel's properties, horse-plowed, and deeply reverent of the old-vine Grenache grown here.
- Hand-harvested grapes from 40 hectares of vineyards see whole-cluster fermentation and native yeasts.
- Entirely free from modern interventions, Emmanuel's wines are always some of the most coveted in the Rhône.

APPELLATION
Côtes-du-Rhône

SUB-REGION
Southern Rhône

GRAPE VARIETY
100% Grenache Blanc

FARMING
Sustainable, Organic

SOIL
Very poor, sandy

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE
Forty hectares of vineyards situated in the Vacqueyras area a few kilometers north of Sarrians were purchased by the Reynaud family in 1935. The old maison is flanked on both sides by tall towers (hence Des Tours). Emmanuel took over this château from his father Bernard (Jacques' brother) in 1989. The vineyards are tended with organic methods, manually plowed, and harvested much later than other producers. From vines planted from 1978-1980. Prevoisly labeled as Côtes-du-Rhône, in 2015, the AOC Côtes du Rhône re-established the zoning of the region meaning that the Grenache Blanc parcel on the estate was no longer within the limits.

HARVEST & VINIFICATION
During vinification, each varietal of every vineyard is fermented separately in oak casks, with assemblage taking place in enamel-lined tanks before bottling. Fermentation is allowed to begin naturally with no inoculation of yeasts and the wine is aged for nine months.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
14.5

PACK SIZE
12x750mL