

Clos Bellane

Clos Bellane is a small and unique domaine situated high in the hills outside Valréas, in the northernmost section of the Southern Rhône. In this area, pure limestone slopes are found among the rolling hills, peaking at over 400m of altitude. Through a combination of organic farming and cool climate fruit, the wines of this remarkable estate achieve a balance and purity of the highest caliber. Talented winemaker Stephane Vedeau purchased Clos Bellane in 2007 with the dream of making a fresher style of Côtes du Rhône Villages. This is a lineup of wines, including a rare and scintillating Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with an astounding delicacy, freshness and vibrancy. In a short time, Stephane has vaulted this small domaine to the forefront of cool climate winemaking in the Southern Rhône.

2019 CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES BLANC VALRÉAS

GRAPE VARIETIES

- 65% Marsanne
- 30% Viognier
- 5% Roussanne

FARMING PRACTICES

- **Certified Organic by Ecocert SAS**
- No herbicides or pesticides used
- High-density plantings
- Hand-harvested in small crates

VINE AGE/SOIL/TERROIR

- 45+ year old vines
- From the northern-most village of Valréas
- 350m-410m altitude parcels
- One of the highest elevation and coolest climate sections of the Southern Rhône
- Clay and limestone soil, very rocky
- Eastern exposure

WINEMAKING

- Indigenous yeast
- Fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks

TASTING NOTES/PRESS

- A complex, mineral-accented bouquet evokes citrus and orchard fruits. Mineral and precise on the palate, offering meyer lemon and honeysuckle flavors, with suggestions of honeydew melon and peach. Shows energy and finishes extremely long, with a gorgeous floral note.

