



DOMAINE LA COLLIÈRE

Rasteau Les Touillères

The words finesse and Rasteau are seldom used together. Rich, dense or rustic are more commonly associated with the wines from this village in the Rhône valley. Domaine la Collière stands out in Rasteau as a proponent of a more elegant style of wine. While others pursue concentration and density to tame this wild terroir, Georges and Delphine Perrot try to avoid over-extraction so as to promote aromatics, reduce harsh tannins and reframe the power of the terroir with freshness. Their wines are adamantly Rasteau but lifted and bright.

Located in the former cave of the self professed madman of Rasteau, André Roméro, Domaine la Collière was founded in 2002. For a decade preceding the founding of the estate Georges had been manually farming the vineyards of Delphine's family weaning them off chemical inputs while getting a sense for the potential terroir. Spread over 30 vineyard plots this 25 hectare estate has holdings in the three main terroir of Rasteau: red clay and gravel, pale limestone clay, and blue clay.

Apart from a few demi-muids for aging Mourvedre, the wines of Domaine la Collière are aged entirely in only concrete tanks. There is a gentle maceration on the skins for each tank with délestage performed 2 to three times. The name of one of the plots that Georges Perrot farms, Les Touillères is at the heart of this cuvée comprised of Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre and Carignan. Les Touillères is the most elegant of the Rasteau wines made at Domaine le Collière coming from a mix of gravelly red clay and limestone soils.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Rasteau

SOIL

Clay limestone, red clay

AGE OF VINES

50

ELEVATION

160 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Mourvedre

FARMING

Practicing organic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, destemmed, fermented in concrete, délestage 2-3 times

AGING

15 months in concrete tanks

ACCOLADES

91 – 2012 Rasteau Les Touillères – Wine Advocate



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SELECTIONS