

Cuvée des Deux Frères Vacqueyras AOP

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
MONVAC	Château de Montmirail	France	Rhône
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre	14.5%	No	Cork



Background

Maurice Archimbaud patiently built up the estate with the combination of two properties: a family farm, located in Vacqueyras which he inherited from his father, Gabriel Archimbaud, and a vineyard which he created in Gigondas in 1960. Château de Montmirail is now managed by his daughter, Monique Archimbaud Bouteiller, assisted by her children - the fourth generation. Today the vines cover 20 hectares in Vacqueyras and 24 hectares in Gigondas. Montmirail is derived from the Latin *mons mirabilis* meaning 'admirable mountain', a reference to the landscape of the Dentelles de Montmirail which dramatically influence viticulture in the area. Vacqueyras is situated on a plateau of clay-limestone and although it has been a wine-producing region since the 15th century, it only gained its AOC status in 1990.

Winemaking

The grape varieties are treated individually in order to gain the best potential from each. Careful selection occurs in the vineyard; the grapes are destemmed and crushed upon arrival at the winery. Fermentation occurs in concrete tanks, lasting for around 15 days with daily pumping over to extract colour and tannins as well as oxygenating the yeasts. The resulting wines are blended and then aged in tank for at least one year prior to bottling.

Sustainability

HVE Level 3 certified since 2020, this guarantee ensures the estate works with the environment, promoting biodiversity within the vineyards and adopts winemaking techniques with low environmental impacts. These values are audited on an annual basis and encourages producers to manage their land for a sustainable future. The Montmirail estate limits irrigation usage and manages land beyond the vineyards to protect biodiversity and habitats in the surrounding area. This includes 100 hectares of forests and hedges and care of 100 Olive trees.

Tasting & Pairing

Intense aromas of ripe red cherries, plums and blackcurrants with underlying notes of spice. Full-bodied with fantastic weight on the palate. Licorice and deep bramble fruit flavours develop in layers leading to a long well-balanced finish.

Perfect with rich red meats or strong cheese.



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