

Côtes du Rhône Villages Plan de Dieu AOC

<i>Code</i>	<i>Producer</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Region</i>
RETPDD	Domaine le Grand Retour	France	Rhône
<i>Varieties</i>	<i>ABV</i>	<i>Oak</i>	<i>Capsule Type</i>
Grenache, Mouvèdre, Syrah	14.5%	Oak Barriques	Cork



Background

Domaine le Grand Retour is one of the holdings of the industrious Aubert brothers, who also own Domaine Autrand and Domaines André Aubert. Claude, the eldest, and Alain and Yves, the twins, took over the family business in 1981 and have expanded it gradually ever since, with the addition of new properties as well as major improvements and modernizations in the winery, allowing them to make wine that is the very model of contemporary Côtes du Rhône wine. Plan de Dieu is recognised as an area capable of producing outstanding quality wines and was awarded Côtes du Rhône Villages status for its red wines in 2005. The soils are a distinctive red clay with large smooth pebbles on the surface which help to retain the day's heat and radiate it at night

Winemaking

The three brothers follow in the traditional family methods of vinification, focusing on flavour extraction, body and structure. The winery now sees stainless steel technology to create wines in a fresh, modern style. The resulting wine is estate-bottled.

Tasting & Pairing

Intense dark red berry aromas with complex spice tones. Rich and concentrated on the palate; layers of blackberries, earthy characters and smoky notes. An abundance of juicy ripe fruit maintains the balance whilst the finish sees flavours of cedar from its time in oak barrique.

Perfect with barbecued meat.

Sustainability & Extra Information

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