

Château de Montmirail

Vacqueyras AOC, Les Deux Frères

ABV

14.50%

Capsule

Cork

Code

MONVAC

Region and Country

Rhône, France

Grapes

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre

Producer

Created in 1960 by Maurice Archimbaud, Château de Montmirail is today managed by his grandchildren, Philippe and Sylvie Bouteiller.

Climate, viticulture, winemaking

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 mountainous landscape of the Dentelles de Montmirail which dramatically influence viticulture in the area. The vineyard in Gigondas is distributed on the slopes of the mountain on a clay-limestone soil. According to AOC regulations, Gigondas is to be made from a maximum of 80% Grenache with a minimum 15% Syrah and/or Mourvèdre. A maximum 10% of other Rhône varietals may be included in the blend with the exception of Carignan.

The grape varieties are treated individually in order to gain the best potential from each. Careful selection occurs in the vineyard; the grapes are de-stemmed 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.



Tasting Notes

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

Good to know

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.