

## Domaine des Des Espiers, Cotes du Rhone *Rhone, France*



Domaine des Espiers was created in 1989, and counts 9.5 hectares. The estate is certified organic, and Philippe Cartoux thrives to make authentic wines in Gigondas, Sablet and Cotes du Rhone appellations.

On the estate yield are kept low (35hl/ha), vine density is high (5400vine per hectare) and green harvest is practiced in order to produce wines with great structure and complexity.

Domaine des Espiers Cotes du Rhone shows intensity and spices on the nose. Good tannic structure, with ripe red fruits expression and garrigue aromas (thyme, laurel, rosemary). It has complexity and structures which gives him good ageing potential (unusual for its category).



Certification organic



Hand harvested



70% Grenache,  
20% Mourvedre,  
10% Syrah



Vinyard age:  
25-35 years



Aged 8 months in  
cement tank



Yield: 40hl/ha



clay-limestone with  
15% rock (garrigue)



20 000 bottles



Grapes are partially destemmed (80%). Spontaneous fermentation with indigenous yeast in stainless cement tank, then aged for 8 months in cement only. The wine is bottled unfiltered.