

Domaine de la Garnaude

L'Ane Volant



VINTAGE	2023
REGION	Provence
APPELLATION	IGP Pays des Maures
VARIETAL	60% Cinsault 40% Grenache
ALCOHOL	12.5 %
TERROIR	Clay & limestone
INFO	22 Ha. (54.4 acres) total vineyard. 7 Ha. (17.30 Acres), devoted to L'Ane Volant IGP. Harvest started Aug. 21st 2023 Gravity reception of the grapes, destemming, crushing, cold maceration, crushing, settling & 3 weeks' long fermentation in thermo controlled vats
	Sustainable Agriculture Practices - HVE 3 farm certified having high environmental value.

About the Estate:

Founded more than 250 years ago, Domaine de la Garnaude is a magnificent vineyard located near the charming village of Gonfaron in Provence (where cicadas sing) in the heart of the Var district (22 miles away from St. Tropez). Fanny (winemaker) & her husband Anthony Lamoot, helped by their 3 children, acquired the estate in 2013 and launched a full conversion of the growing methods.

Located within the interior valley of the Maures mountain range, the vines are planted on a clay-limestone soil and surrounded by the Plaine des Maures nature reserve, extraordinary reservoir of biodiversity, and over 180 protected species! Ideal semi-continental climate without marine influence. Cool and humid winters, hot and dry summer with the thermal amplitude offer great phenolic maturities, while preserving the berries' acidity. Each plot is surrounded by hedges of shrubs or trees in order to shelter a biodiversity favorable to the vine. Minimum soil weeding plowing and natural grassing one row out of two. On fallow plots, are sown rye, barley, fodder radish, fodder peas and clover to compete with weeds to feed and loosen the soil.

Why **"L'Ane Volant"** "Flying Donkey": *Saint Quinis chapel overlooks the village of Gonfaron. Every year before the procession to the chapel, residents were asked to clean the streets. In 1645, a Gonfaron peasant refused to do it and exclaimed "Saint Quinis finds the passage too dirty? He will only have to jump over it!" Some time later, the old man was riding his donkey down the slopes of the Carnaraute hill, overlooking Gonfaron. But his beast, annoyed by the horseflies, left the path & made a gliding flight over the ravine while its pitiful rider was thrown to the ground! His misadventure delighted the county & everyone exclaimed: "It's well done, St. Quinis punished him, his donkey has flown"*

Tasting Notes:

Pale color, nose of sun-ripened fruits and amyl notes. Tasty & flattering palate extending toward a round & fruity finish.

More to come

Press Review: Soon to come

2021 Vint.: "Named "The flying donkey", a legend in the winery's hometown of Gonfaron, the wine is softly textured, gentle with red fruits and freshly crisp at the end." Roger Voss Wine Enthusiast