

## Château RASPAIL

### NEW LABEL

<b>VINTAGE</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>REGION</b>	<b>Rhône Valley</b>
<b>APPELLATION</b>	<b>Côtes du Rhône Villages Plan de Dieu</b>
<b>VARIETAL</b>	80% Grenache 12% Syrah 8% Carignan
<b>ALCOHOL</b>	14.5%
<b>TERROIR</b>	Tertiary period (- 200.000 years) stones Alluviums
<b>INFO</b>	30 Ha (74.13 Acres) Plan de Dieu vine- yard - 40 years old vines on average  Hand harvested - Vinification in con- crete tanks thermo-regulated & aging in ovoid & frustoconical concrete tanks. Minimum 6 months ageing in bottles before release.  Unfined / Filtered  <b>HEV 3, farm certified having High Envi- ronmental Value</b>

### About the Estate:

Plan de Dieu is a pebbly terrace at 400 feet altitude, bordering Cairanne & Rasteau appellations.

Located in the commune of Travaillan (east of Orange in the Southern Rhône / Vaucluse) Château RASPAIL vineyards covers the sun-drenched, stony plateau of Plan de Dieu, originally named "pleine de Dieu" in 1326. Its reputation as a wine-growing area goes back to the Roman times, although intensive bombing and mining of the area during WWII set production back considerably. Nestled amongst the great communes of Châteauneuf du Pape, Gigondas & Vacqueyras, the Plan de Dieu appellation (red wines only) was awarded Cotes du Rhône Villages status in 2015.

Château RASPAIL originally belonged to the Serignan lords until the revolution, then bought in 1946 by the MEF-FRE family. Now run by the young François MEFFRE, the Chateau offers full bodied wines with intense red berry flavors and herbal aromas reminiscent of the surrounding "garrigue", always remaining fresh with a caressing finish.

*More to come*

**Tasting Notes:** FRESH - BLACKBERRIES - SAVORY

Charming, super seductive! Fresh and ample nose on cherry preserves, mint and warm plums. Deep & silky palate with masculine hints, spices and the perfect Syrah influence, darker fruits, spices and just enough garrigue notes, bright, deep and generous length, with some chewy structure. Wooow, serious and unique!

### Food Pairing:

Smoked pork shoulder, summer barbecue

### Press Review:

*Soon to come*

2020 Vint. "I loved the 2020 Côtes Du Rhône Villages Plan De Dieu, a charming, forward, seamless 2020 that has plenty of spice red and black berry fruits as well as some textbook garrigue and peppery nuances. It's medium-bodied, nicely balanced, has fine tannins, and outstanding length. It's well worth seeking out and will shine for 4-6 years. " 90 Points Jeb Dunnuck (Tasted 10/30/2023)