DOMAINE LA LIGIÈRE

VACQUEYRAS

THE ESTATE: Situated in Beaumes de Venise, Domaine La Ligièrè is a biodynamic vineyard which consists of 50 ha of vines in AOC Vacqueyras. It was created in 2008 by Philippe Bernard and his wife Elisabeth Serra. The vineyard is composed of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre vines that are about 50 years of age on average (up to 75 years on the oldest plot). Domaine La Ligièrè has been committed to cultivating their vines without the use of fertilizer, weed killer, or any chemical treatment whatsoever for over 10 years. The soil is plowed regularly and fertilized with organic compost in the fall, and the harvest is protected only with the use of natural products such as sulfur, copper, plant infusions (nettle, horsetail, wicker, etc), and biodynamic preparations.

VARIETAL COMPOSITION: 70% Grenache (50 year old vines), 20% Syrah (20 year old vines) and 10% Mourvèdre (20 year old vines)

SOIL: Clay-limestone (garrigues)

AVERAGE YIELD: 27 hl/ha

HARVEST: Manual harvest with sorting; grapes are completely destemmed

VINIFICATION: Fermentation using natural yeasts. Maceration for 4-5 weeks. No filtration or fining. Contains sulfites.

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 20,000 bottles

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 14.5%

REVIEWS:

2012 VINTAGE: "Ripe cherry, black raspberry and garrigue on the fragrant nose. Lush and broad on entry, offering pliant dark berry flavors that pick up a medicinal quality and turn firmer with air. Closes on a floral note, with chewy, building tannins and a hint of bitter cherry pit." -89pts, Josh Raynolds, Vinous

2011 VINTAGE: "Deep ruby. Sexy, high-pitched aromas of red berry preserves, potpourri and Asian spices, plus a bright mineral overtone. Sappy and seamless on the palate, offering intense raspberry and cherry flavors and a suave floral pastille nuance. Finishes spicy and impressively long, with harmonious tannins adding shape." -91pts, Josh Raynolds, Vinous

"The 2011 Vacqueyras is a beauty!...Possessing a perfumed, medium-bodied profile, with gorgeous raspberry, sweet spice, underbrush and leather all emerging from the glass, this textured, balanced and seamless 2011 has plenty of polish and purity. It's an outstanding effort, in a difficult vintage..." -90pts, Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate