

Mas Grand Plagniol 2017 Costières de Nîmes Rosé

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| WineWise Code | FGP-ROS17 |
| Country | France |
| Region | Rhone |
| Color | Red |
| Alcohol by Volume | 13.5 |
| Acidity | 3.5 |
| Residual Sugar | 1 |
| Closure | DIAM |
| Annual cases produced | 4000 |
| Varieties | GRENACHE 50%, SYRAH 30%, CINSAULT 20% |
| Destemming | Complete |
| Fermentation vessel | Concrete |
| Aging method | Concrete 100% |
| Aging duration (months) | 3 |
| Filtered? | Yes |
| Fining agents | Bentonite |
| Malolactic | No |
| Added Sulfur | Yes |
| Elevation (meters) | 70 |
| Vineyard Aspect | South |
| Vine age (years) | 40 |
| Vine Yields hl/ha | 50 |
| Farming practices | Organic |
| Grape Picking | Machine |

Notes from the producer:

Henri Marès (1903-1994) established the vineyard of Château Puy Castéra in Haut Médoc, which was later managed by his son Roger.

Roger Marès, Cyril's father, trained in Bordeaux and put them into practice at Mas des Bressades during the 1970s. Cyril Marès, a graduate of Agronomy and oenologist, continues this ancestral tradition at Mas des Bressades today. Since 2018 Cyril manage also the neighbouring winery of Mas Carlot.



WineWise Notes:

Cyril has always managed to keep his boisterously perfumed and fruity pink wine safely within the bounds of good taste while never cheating in the pleasure department. It ages with unexpected grace. The 2017 is perhaps the most mannerly and mineral-infused vintage in memory.

I first met Cyril Marès when he was a teenager, and his father Roger was still in charge of the estate and presiding over the appellation. He took over in 1998, married the girl next door (Nathalie Blanc of Mas Carlot) and took the domaine to ever higher heights. The wines always show exceptional aromatic appeal, supple texture and uncannily intelligent balance between fruit and oak. We never seem to buy enough of them, mainly because they have little to sell. Wines like these offer incontrovertible proof that not much money can buy you a lot of love. In a market now brimming with Nimois wines, these remain at the top of the pile.

