

Dom. de Grangeneuve 2013 La Truffière (Grignan-les Adhemar)

WineWise Code	FBO-TRU13
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Subregion	Grignan Les Adhemar
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	0.45
Residual Sugar	0.4
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	4200
Varieties	100% Syrah
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Punchdown daily for 25 days
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	25 days
Aging method	Used Barrique 100%
Aging duration (months)	12 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Native
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	No
Vineyard Name	Moulon
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous, Gravel, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	150
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	40-50
Vine Yields hl/ha	38
Farming practices	Sustainable
Grape Picking	Machine

Notes from the producer:

In 1964, looking to establish his own vineyard, Henri Bour (father) brought his family to Roussas and purchased the Domaine de Grangeneuve, which at the time, consisted of oak groves and a few acres of wheat.

As it turned out, Henri Bour had chosen a land of great quality. However, it was several years of clearing, ploughing, scraping, and tilling until the land was ready for the planting of the vines. It was still 3 years before the first crop, and another 7 years before Henri began to harvest quality grapes.

The Bour family legacy of vintners is now in its third generation, with Henri's daughter Nathalie, now assuming greater responsibilities shared by her husband Gilles Hecquet.



WineWise Notes:

This remarkable vineyard, which gains its name from the truffle-bearing oaks that surround it, never fails to deliver its signature rendition of cocoa-scented Syrah. Aged in barriques of 2-6 years' use, it is unexaggeratedly ripe and stately, confident in its bearing and refined in its finish. It will please its many followers.

Long considered the leading producer of this Rhône district, Henri Bour makes wines of head-turning aromatic quality and strikingly accurate Syrah character. He also spearheaded the appellation's change of name, in order to avoid the nuclear stigma associated with the previous name of Coteaux du Tricastin. After a few vintages where we thought that the estate was a little off its game, it seems to have regained its former flair and is again offering us that customary combination of purity and strength.