

Dom. de Grangeneuve 2014 'Esprit de Grenache' (Cotes du Rhone Villages)

WineWise Code	FBO-ESG14
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Subregion	Grignan Les Adhemar
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14
Acidity	0.4
Residual Sugar	0.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	4200
Varieties	80% Grenache, 20% Syrah
Pumpover or Punchdown?	pumpover daily
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation duration	20 days
Aging method	Concrete 100%
Aging duration (months)	12 months
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	No
Soil Type(s)	Calcareous, Gravel, Sedimentary
Elevation (meters)	150
Vine age (years)	60
Vine Yields hl/ha	40
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 uncommonly pretty rendition of the Rhône's signature grape hails from a leased parcel of old vines in Vinsobres, a few miles to the south of Domaine de Grangeneuve, the Bour's home estate. The nose reeks of strawberries and the silky texture presents no obstacle to imbibement.

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.