

Mas Grand Plagniol 2021 Costières de Nîmes Rouge 'Tradition'

WineWise Code	FGP-RGT21
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14.5
Acidity	3
Residual Sugar	1.5
Annual cases produced	5000
Varieties	60% Grenache, 35% Syrah , 5% Cinsault
Maceration Notes	18 degreesC, Stainless Steel tanks
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Concrete
Fermentation duration	4 weeks
Aging method	Concrete 100%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Native, Cultured
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes
Vineyard Name	Mas Du Grand Plagniol
Soil Type(s)	Gravel
Vine age (years)	25
Vine Yields hl/ha	35
Farming practices	Certified 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:

The great ones do their best work in the lesser vintages (not that 2019 falls into that category), as proved by Cyril in years like 2008 and 2002. We challenge you to find a wine that better combines aromatic flair, suave texture and sheerly delicious spicy Rhône fruit at such a silly price.

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. Since 2017, the estate has been in conversion to Organic viticulture. Starting with the 2020 vintage, the wines will be certified Organic.

