

Domaine La Suffrene

This Estate, located in the appellation of Bandol, has been a Gravier family homestead and vineyard for generations but the grapes had always been sold to local cooperatives. The latest family member to take the helm, Cedric, saw the potential and jumped in with both feet, making 1996 the first vintage at the estate to be bottled under the name Domaine de la Suffrene.



Situated on sandy-silt-laden, calcareous and clayey soils, the vines extend over 45 hectares between the municipalities of the Cadiere d'Azur and the Castellet, in the department of the Var. Cedric has built a beautiful winery that is a perfect combination of state of the art stainless steel equipment for fermentation, large well ventilated space, and old world oversized oak foudres for aging. The facility is immaculately clean and Cedric houses everything he needs under one roof from fermentation to aging to stocking to bottling and labelling.

The Bandol Rouge, which is a blend of Mourvedre (55%), Grenache (20%), Cinsault (15%) and Carignan (10%), is a wine that remains true to the character of Bandol, through its power, composition, and its very unique flavors. The Bandol Rose, so true to the character of this Provençale classic, is a blend of Mourvedre (40%), Cinsault (30%), Grenache (20%) and Carignan (10%). The malolactic fermentations are typically blocked to retain freshness.

Bandol Rosé



Varietal/Blend: 40% Mourvèdre, 30% Cinsault, 20% Grenache & 10% Carignan

Farming Practices: 10+ practicing organic. Certification underway for 2021

Soil: calcareous, parcels include limestone/magnesium rich silty soils and clay

Vine Training: goblet

Harvest Technique: hand sorted

Year Vines Were Planted: 1940-1975

Yeast: ambient

Fermentation: each pressing cycle fermented separately to less than 2g/L RS. (+2 weeks), assembled in January

Malolactic: blocked

Maturation: 6 months in tank / released in June

Sulfur: total 98mg/L

Alcohol: 13.56%

Acidity: pH 3.56 // TA 2.96g/L // RS 1.07g/L

Fined: bentonite

Filtered: yes

Country: France

Region: Provence

Subregion: Bandol

Vineyard: estate

Vineyard Size: 28 ha. / <40HL per ha.