



MAISON BOUACHON

GIGONDAS – MAISON BOUACHON

« *Duc de Montfort* »

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Ancients called it « Montfort » (hard mountain) since this part of the hills known as the Dentelles de Montmirail hills is made up of mostly granite, produced from the Alps folding. The Maison Bouachon Gigondas marries strength and generosity. The maturing process in our cellars gives this wine its full harmony.

Vineyard soil: “Duc de Montfort” is produced from vines growing on middle terraces, an extremely sunny rocky plateau overhanging the left bank of the Ouvèze, on the western slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail hills. Grape berries benefit of the sun heat during the day and fresh night, thus all the fruity is put under light.

Grape varieties: The black Grenache is the main variety, prized for its rich texture and mellow flavors, while Syrah adds structure, deep colour and a fiery aromatic complexity.

Wine making: The processing consists in selection of parcels chosen for the exposure, the slope and the age of the grapes: old-vine Grenache (70 years old) and younger Syrah vines (30-40 years old), low yields. Grapes are harvested by hands and rigorously sorted. Each grape variety is vinified separately after total de-stemming. Skin fermentation lasts for approximatively 3 weeks with daily pumping over and weekly crushing.

Maturing: 35% matured in French oak barrels and the rest in vats during nearly 9 months before the blending. We also keep the wine in bottles during several months in our cellar, at good temperature and no light before selling.

Description

Colour: Deep strong purple colour.

Smell: First impact very expressive on candied crunchy fruit, black cherry and plum delicately mixed with “Garrigues” flavour (thyme, rosemary) and bay leaf and finishing on chocolate and white pepper notes.

Mouth: A supple and fresh attack associating candied fruit and liquorice. Tannins are all in finesse and give to “Duc de Montfort” potential for aging.

Ageing: It may be kept from 5 to 8 years or be drunk as a young wine.

Recommended drinking Temperature: between 15 to 17 degrees Celsius.

