



2022 RASTEAU, LES ARGILES BLEUES

WINERY

Domaine de Beaurenard has been a family-run estate for eight generations. Today, brothers Daniel & Frédéric Coulon and Daniel's sons Victor and Antonin are dedicated to producing the most essential expressions of this historic region, long sought-after by discerning collectors and enthusiasts around the globe. Domaine de Beaurenard has been producing certified biodynamic wines on more than 80 acres of this celebrated terroir since 2011. Domaine de Beaurenard is also established in the up and coming Rasteau Appellation with 60 acres and in Côtes du Rhône with 25 acres both also certified biodynamic.

WINE

A single vineyard from the Coulon family's 60 acre holdings in Rasteau. A blend of Grenache and Syrah, coming from a careful selection of predominately older vines planted in the unique blue soils of Rasteau. The wine is co-harvested and co-fermented to increase the complexity of the wine from this up and coming AOC, now producing exceptional red wines in addition to the traditional Vin Doux Naturel expressions from the region.

VINEYARDS

A selection of plots characterized by their exceptional soil shot through with blue Pliocene marl, rich in minerals. A singular expression of a unique identity.

VINTAGE NOTES

2022 was a very warm and dry year. The good rain episodes at the end of August and early September were ideal and particularly important to help the vines balance the fruit profile and continue a normal ripening process. Quantities were quite reduced due to the drought in addition to three episodes of hail throughout the season. Despite this unusual climate, 2022 vintage has shown a very beautiful fruity and bright profile in the wines.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard. Cofermentation, long vatting for soft extractions. Matured for 12 months in oak foudres.

TASTING NOTES

An inexhaustible reservoir of mineral elements, Argiles Bleues is a wine of great finesse. A superb marriage of plush, juicy fruit, fine, delicate tannins, and phenomenal minerality.

VINEYARD

Region: Rhône Valley

Appellation: Rasteau, AOC

Soil: Clay-chalk with a blue-clay subsoil

Age/Exposure: 20-40 years

Fully south facing slopes and terraces

Eco-Practices: Organic, Biodynamic **Certifications:** Organic- Ecocert 2010

Biodynamic-Demeter 2011

WINEMAKING

Varietals: 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah
Aging: 12 months in oak foudres

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Yeast: Native Alcohol: 14.5%

