



LA FERME DU MONT Le Ponnant 2015



Country

France

Region

Southern Rhône - Rhône Valley

Appellation

Côtes du Rhône Villages

Varietal Blend

60% Grenache, 40% Syrah

Winemaker

Stéphane Vedeau

Alcohol Content

14.5%

Residual Sugar

.4 g/L

Total Acidity

3.63 g/L

HISTORY

La Ferme du Mont in the Southern Rhône boasts a mosaic of vineyards, now owned and vinified by Stéphane Vedeau. Formerly a soccer player in Paris, Stéphane shifted to winemaking in 1989 and spent 15 years making award-winning wines in the Languedoc. Stéphane arrived in the Rhone Valley in 2000, creating La Ferme du Mont in the Southern Rhone where he continues to produce wines with freshness and soul using native yeasts and biodynamic methods.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

2015 is an exceptional vintage in all aspects: smoothness, maturity, and volume. Sourced from the best plots in Côtes du Rhône Villages in Courthézon, Gigondas and Rasteau. The vineyard is dominated by rocky reliefs. After a complete destemming, vinification begins in long vatting for 6 to 8 weeks with very gentle extractions and a low maximum temperature. Ferme Du Mont takes great care not to abandon its Burgundian soul during the maturing process. In order to reveal the expression of a terroir both marine and continental associated with some alpine pebbles, wine is raised in concrete vats traditional airtight for a minimum of 8 months. Syrah comes from a few half muids, that are 3 to 7-years-old, this extends (not overlaps) the sliders of spices and mineral soils.

TASTING NOTES

"Offering more depth and richness, with tons of black raspberry, graphite, leather and pepper, the 2015 Côtes du Rhône Villages Le Ponnant is medium to full-bodied, has beautiful purity, fine tannin and a great finish. It has a touch of modern flair, but everything is perfectly balanced and it has serious potential." - WA

ACCOLADES

89-91+ Wine Advocate, 2016

