

RHONE

**DOMAINE LA GUINTRANDY/
OLIVIER CUILLERAS
VISAN**

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OVERVIEW | Visan, not far from Cairanne and Rasteau, is one of the 16 communes that can attach its village name to the Côtes du Rhône Villages label. The Cuilleras family has owned the Domaine de Guintrandy in Visan since 1850. Olivier is the sixth generation to work the vines here taking over in 2000 from his father who, up until that time, had been selling his grapes to the local cooperative. Now bottling under his family name, Olivier Cuilleras describes his wines as “structured with cooked red fruits like cherries, and spices, prunes, licorice, minerals.”

VINEYARD AREA: 27 hectares

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 50,000 bottles

SOIL TYPES: stony calcareous sandstone

GRAPE VARIETIES: syrah, grenache

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | His estate is on top of a hill which makes it less vulnerable to the scorching weather on the flatlands. Olivier has some of the best soil in the region - clay and limestone - great drainage on the top and water retention down below to pull the roots through those times of drought. Olivier blends solely from Syrah and Grenache for his CdR-V bottlings. The Le Deves vines were planted in the 1970s and the Visan Vieilles Vignes vines range from 50 to 80+ years old. Wines are aged in a combination of new and used barrels and bottling is always unfiltered and minimal SO₂ is used.

WINES |

Vin de Pays “Comté de Grignan” Rouge - 50% syrah and 50% grenache from young vines in the commune of Tulette, in the departement of Drôme. Aged completely in tank prior to being bottled without filtration.

Cotes du Rhône Rouge - 70% grenache, 20% old vine carignan, and 10% syrah from the commune of Tulette, in the department of Drôme. Planted on a sandy marl, cobalt, and stony soil. Aged in tank.

Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan Le Deves - 90% grenache, 10% syrah planted in the 1970s. 10 to 20 day maceration and aged completely in barrel before being bottled without filtration.

Côtes du Rhône-Villages Visan Vieilles Vignes - 50+ year old vines of 90% grenache and 10% syrah from very clayey and stony soils. Macerated for 30 to 40 days and aged completely in barrels before being bottled without filtration.

