

2015 DOMAINE RICHARD LES NUELLES

DOMAINE RICHARD, NORTHERN RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE



THE WINE:

Domaine Richard produced about 500 cases of this old vine Syrah in 2015. The 2015 vintage was spectacular for the Northern Rhone, with the syrah fruit reaching full maturity. In previous vintages the production was about 1,800 cases but several years ago the winemaker decided to create a second bottling of old-vines to showcase this old vine fruit on the property. The grapes are handpicked, collected in baskets, and hand sorted, usually by Herve and Marite (the owners of the tiny Domaine)! Aged for 15 months in French oak.

THE ESTATE:

Domaine Richard is located in the Northern Rhone Valley, birthplace of Syrah, in the St. Joseph appellation. They also have three acres of Viognier clinging to the steep hillsides of Condrieu in the Northern Rhone Valley. Sustainably farmed and exceptionally low yields create fruit of high intensity and complexity. Herve and Marie Richard are the husband and wife owners, winemakers and vineyard managers of the tiny estate.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: dark black-purple

Aromas: blackberry, coffee, cigar ash and subtle hints of animal hide

Flavor & Texture: dried black fruits, mineral rich earth tones and leather

Food Pairing: serve with venison tenderloin baked in a pastry with spinach and wild rice and a reduction sauce of shallots and the wine itself

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