Château de Fonsalette

Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc



ABOUT THE ESTATE

- Currently run by Louis Damien and Benoît Reynaud, Château de Fonsalette was founded by the legendary Louis Reynaud in 1945.
- Just outside the Châteauneuf-de-Pape appellation, these first-class Côtes-du-Rhônes are treated with the same care and respect as their neighbors.
- Limited to just three wines, a blanc, a rouge and a 100% Syrah, these are some of the best and most in-demand wines in Côtes-du-Rhône, defying what can sometimes be seen as a humble appellation status.
- Biodiversity is cherished at this 120-hectare estate, of which only 12 hectares are planted to vine. The rest of the land holds olive trees, woodlands, and other types of agriculture.
- The Reynaud family's wines, whether they are from Fonsalette, Rayas, or des Tours, all hold the same signature complexity, depth, and meaningful nature. Château de Fonsalette defies its appellation.

APPELLATION
Côtes-du-Rhône

SUB-REGION
Southern Rhône

GRAPE VARIETY
80% Grenache Blanc, 10% Clairette, 10% Marsanne

FARMING
Organic

SOIL
Gravel, pebbles and sand

VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE
In 1945, Louis Reynaud of Château Rayas purchased Château Fonsalette near the village of Lagarde-Paréol. The estate comprises 121 hectares, 12 of which are planted to vineyards. This wine is composed of Grenache Blanc (planted in 1957-1972), Clairette (planted in 1950s-1967) and Marsanne (planted in 1978, 1980-1987).

HARVEST & VINIFICATION
The grapes are manually harvested. They are then fermented in old oak casks with native yeast for three months, followed by stainless steel for aging 11 months.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME
13.5

PACK SIZE
12x750mL