

## Château Rayas

### Côtes-du-Rhône Rouge La Pialade



#### ABOUT THE ESTATE

- The crown jewel in Châteauneuf-du-Pape legend Jacques Reynaud's holdings, nephew Emmanuel Reynaud assumed control of the estate following Jacques' death in 1997.
- Emmanuel has followed in his uncle's footsteps, adhering to the same traditional techniques that made the wines so revered.
- The vineyards are tended with the same organic methods used in all of Emmanuel's properties and are unique in that they are planted in sandy soil instead of the galets common to the appellation.
- Hand-harvested grapes from 13 hectares of vineyards see whole-cluster fermentation and native yeasts.
- Entirely free from modern interventions, Emmanuel's wines are always some of the most coveted in the Rhône.

#### APPELLATION

Côtes-du-Rhône

#### SUB-REGION

Southern Rhône

#### GRAPE VARIETY

80% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 5% Syrah

#### FARMING

Organic

#### SOIL

Fine red sand base with smaller pebbles

#### VINEYARDS & VITICULTURE

Rayas is a secluded estate northeast of the village, not far from Courthézon. It is unusual because their 12 hectares of vines are north-facing and contain none of the fabled round pebbles (galets roulés). The vineyard is surrounded on all sides by forest and therefore a cool terroir. Harvest here goes very late and these wines never lack for power or richness.

#### HARVEST & VINIFICATION

La Pialade is a second label in the traditional sense in that the fruit comes mainly from the Fonsalette estate, though a bit of Rayas estate fruit can find its way into the blend in some years. Usually comes from younger vines (20 years old).

#### ALCOHOL BY VOLUME

13.5

#### PACK SIZE

12x750mL