DOMAINE LA CONSONNIÈRE

Region: Southern Rhône (Vaucluse) Village: Châteauneuf du Pape

Winemaker: Sébastien Cuscusa

Property: 6 hectares Châteauneuf du Pape, 4 hectares Lirac and 0.5 hectares Vin de France

The domaine was created in 2009 after Sebastien Cuscusa bought Domaine de la Cabane. One of the first moves Sebastien made was to bring in Philippe Cambie as the consultant for wine making and vineyard management.
Sebastien is the 4th generation to own the land, though only the first to make wine. His father and grandfather were military men who rented out farming rights on long term contracts, never engaging in the farming activities themselves.
Sebastien however was drawn to the vineyards, starting out in vine replacement activities. Eventually, he wished to make wine. Before crafting his first vintage in 2009 at the Maison Brotte facilities, he spent time at Pierre Usseglio as a stagier. Sebastien still makes the wine at Maison Brotte, but now is able to age and bottle in his own cellar.

VIN DE FRANCE 'LA PITCHOTTE'

100% Caledoc

Soil: A silty sandy parcel with galets roulées on the south bank of the Rhône river below Châteauneuf du Pape

5 to 10 year old vines. The production averages 3,000 and 4,000 bottles.

The grapes are vinified in concrete, and after aged in steel tank 3 to 6 months before bottling.

Pitchotte is a nickname for small children in Provençal.

Caledoc is a disease resistant hybrid of Grenache and Malbec created by Paul Truel in 1958.

As a bit of excitement around the winery Sébastien's son Leo has joined the team in 2020, following in his father's footsteps. With all that Seb has done in his time at the helm, it's excited to see what the future could hold for the domaine.