



DOMAINE GALÉVAN, CORALIE GOUMARRE
"LIBRE EXPRESSION" CÔTES DU RHÔNE BLANC 2016



Coralie is the first woman since 9 generations to run the family estate of 120 acres located in Courthézon few miles north-east of Châteauneuf du Pape. Her entire vineyard, planted with vines of an average of 60 years old, is certified organic since the vintage 2011. She usually pride herself that the estate have always been farmed organically since neither her father nor her grandfather choose to use pesticides or herbicides. Her estate being made of large contiguous parcels, implementing organic farming is ideal.

In a region dominated by red blends, white wines are a rarity and the dominant of Clairette make it even more particular. Clairette, which means "Light one" in French, is the southern France's oldest grape varieties, typical of the Mediterranean region. Her "Libre expression" or *Free of expression* is Coralie's version of a white Rhône stepping aside from the usual fleshy and overly aromatic style; thanks to Clairette hers is fresh and delicate.

SOIL TYPE _____

Clay and chalk, windy south-oriented hillside.

VARIETAL _____

Clairette (80%), Roussanne (10%) & Marsanne (10%)

CULTURE _____

Low yielding of 40hl/ha to assure an optimum maturity.
 Organic farming of the vines with working of the soil to push the roots deeper.
 Green harvest and manual leaf thinning. Organic Certified Ecocert since 2011
 Harvest are made by hand in small crates to preserve the purity of the fruit.
 Sorting tables are used.

VINIFICATION _____

Slow pneumatic pressing. Fermentation at low temperature (60 °F) with natural yeast. No addition of Sulfites during the all vinification process.
 Ageing of 6 month in vats on fine lees.

TASTING NOTES _____

Bright acidity and vibrant minerality. Typical fruit profile of Clairette dominated by peach and lime. The mid-palate show some texture without being too fleshy. The hint of fennel at the finish, combined with just a point of oxidation, is adding to the distinction of this wine.

From the same Winery :

- "Puy Saint Martin", IGP Vacluse red 2016
- "Partages" Côtes du Rhône Rosé 2017
- "Paroles de Femme" Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2015
- "L'esprit devin" Côtes du Rhône villages 2015
- Châteauneuf du Pape blanc 2014
- Châteauneuf du Pape 2014

