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ALAIN JAUME Lirac Rouge 'Roquedon' France – Rhône Valley – Lirac AOC

ABOUT VIGNOBLES ALAIN JAUME / DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

Located in the Orange commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Since 1979, the domaine has been run by 5th generation Alain Jaume, who is now helped by his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène. The 225-acre estate covers several AOCs and 13 grape types, and produces wine under four labels: Grand Veneur, Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte & Château Mazane. The Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are certified organic.

ABOUT THE WINE

Lirac was granted AOC status in 1947. It measures 715 hectares with an annual production around 255,000 cases. Lirac is divided into four communes: Lirac and Roquemaure, which have plateaux of well-drained limestone, and Saint Laurent des Arbes and Saint-Géniès-de Comolas, whose ancient soils are alluvial with quartz like CDP, but with a bit more sand and rock.

The nose is dominated by aromas of wild fruit (blackcurrant, blackberry) and spices. Long and balanced mouth. "Roquedon" delivers more of the "round"- "sweet" body from the Grenache, and cherry-red fruit expression. The mouth is full, with flavors of blackcurrant, liquor and spice. Tannins are both harmonious and elegant. The palate finishes with hints of licorice and vanilla, which brings length and complexity to the wine.

Appellation	Lirac AOC
Varietal(s)	60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, 10% Carignan
Vinification	Traditional winemaking in stainless still vats. Aging mainly in vats and about 10% in oak barrels. Bottling 15 months after the harvest.
Soil	Limestone & pebble stones
ABV	14.5%
Size	12/750ml
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