



De Père en Fils depuis 1717...

ARNOUX & Fils

VACQUEYRAS
CRU DES CÔTES DU RHÔNE





Testament de donation des terres (1717)

A LITTLE HISTORY

THE CULTURE OF THE VINE, SINCE 1717...

In 1717, the Count François de Castellanne, de Lauris, de Vassadel, de Gérard, Chevalier Marquis d'Ampuis, de Lagnetoux, universal landlord of the place called Vacqueyras and its lands, donated a parcel of vines to an ancestor of the Arnoux family : Pierre Bovis. From that day onwards, the tradition of the vine and wine has been continued in our family. Today, the vines of the Arnoux family extend over 40 hectares.

...GIVE LAND AND WINE OF GREAT QUALITY.

Situated at the feet of the majestic ' Dentelles de Montmirail ' the picturesque village of Vacqueyras is a favoured place where the various meridional vines, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, White Grenache and Clairette grow. The wines were given the rank of ' Cru ' of the Cotes du Rhone wines thanks to the impetus of quality development in the vines since the XV century. Today, the strict production rules are perpetuated :



Vacqueyras

- A poor argilleous, limestone soil mixed with round stones.
- Vine types of quality.
- Mediterranean climate suited to the optimal maturity of grapes.
- Limited yield (35 hl/hectare) which allows the making of concentrated aromatic and strong wines.

We are established at the heart of these exceptional lands since 1717. For almost 3 centuries we have been making and maturing wines in our caves which are dug into the old walls of the town. We continue to work in the great tradition of our ancestors.

1936 A NEW DEVELOPMENT...

Until 1936 we vinified only the grapes coming from our 24 hectares. From that date onwards, to satisfy the demands of our customers who were looking for a wider range of Rhône Valley wines, and, facing the ever-increasing notoriety of our wines, we had to buy -in extra grapes to add to our own production.

It was Aimé Arnoux who inspired this new impetus; since then, her two sons Jean-Marie and Régis, successively managed the House of Arnoux. Today the dynasty is perpetuated, with at its head, Marc and Jean-François, the sons of Jean-Marie, both of whom are the inheritors of the family know-how.



Marc et Jean-François

WINEMAKING AND MATURING AN ANCESTRAL PASSION...

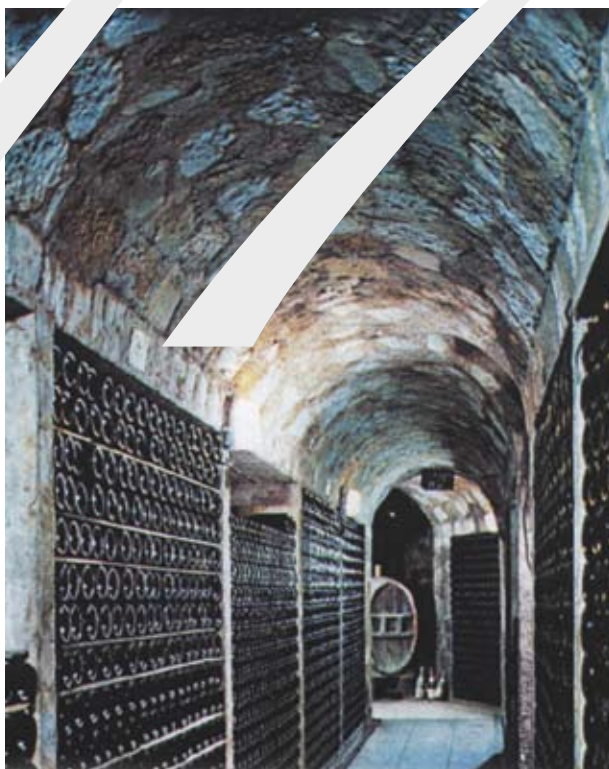
Passion

We vinify our wines with the greatest respect for ancestral traditions so as to create authentic 'crus' representative and typical of their land.

Therefore, whether the grapes come from our vineyards or from a scrupulous selection of bought-in grapes, all of our blends come from low yield, meticulously selected and harvested fruit.



Scène de vendange dans les années 60



Galerie de vieillissement creusée par Jean-Marie Arnoux

Nonetheless, with our prestigious 'crus', be they Chateau Neuf du Pape, Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Beaufort de Venise or simply a generic Cotes du Rhone Village, we are committed to bringing the greatest care during the vinification (crushing, de-stemming, pre-fermentation maceration, heat-regulation, pumping-over, pneumatic pressing), so as to extract and optimise the concentration of the harvest.



Chantier de boutirage de Joseph Arnoux en 1898

This is why our wines are characterised by deep colours from which emanate strong aromatic fragrances that we find in the mouth in a context which is full and generous, and forever harmonious. As a result, the love which we bring to these wines during their maturing (oak or new barrels) is always dictated by a respect for their balance, so as to avoid masking their distinctiveness.

Grape



A LAND...

Land



GRAPE VARIETIES...

Grape



A NOBLE FRUIT...

Fruit



KNOW-HOW

Know-How



A PASSION...

Passion



A NECTAR.

Nectar

*The culture of vines has been
perpetuated in our family
since 1717.*

*This tradition and heritage
have become a passion.*

*Our 'Crus' are still vinified
today with the greatest
respect for ancestral
tradition to allow us
to offer you a harmonious
return to the authentic
tastes and flavours
of our land.*

The Arnoux family.

Cave du Vieux Clocher

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