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CHATEAU DE GUEYZE UNVEILS ITS 2019 VINTAGE

Château de Gueyze is unveiling its 2019 vintage, a reflection of the collective efforts spearheaded by Les Vignerons de Buzet. Available in traditional channels, this Les Vignerons de Buzet premium wine is showing a potential that is further enhanced by an outstanding 2019 vintage.



TASTING NOTES

This 2019 vintage wine displays a deep, dark red hue. On the nose, it releases fragrances of ripe black fruit mingled with spicy and finely toasted notes. Like the previous vintage, the 2019 Château de Gueyze has a powerful entry to the palate where the coated tannins create plenty of volume. The effect of this vintage has been to lend the wine greater elegance, density and structure.

A JOINT ADVENTURE

The story of this 78-hectare wine domaine, whose vines are planted on a single block of land, is one that many can relate. This is because its acquisition, at the end of the 1980s, was the result of a collective initiative. Some 40 years ago, Domaine de Gueyze was the beneficiary of what has come to be known as "participatory financing" involving a large part of the local population. Today, the domaine is owned by a group of 500 wine lovers and worked by Les Vignerons de Buzet. The property's "grand vin" is marketed under the name Château de Gueyze.

AN EXCEPTIONAL VINEYARD

This vineyard is planted with old vines of over 40 years of age growing on a clay-limestone hillside with a strip of gravel at its top and overlooking the Garonne valley. The grape varieties planted there are an equal split of Merlot, Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Les Vignerons de Buzet set up this domaine in a way that would allow it to experiment. The division of the plots was carefully planned to optimise the interactions between the diversity of the soils, the exposures and the grape varieties. This thinking was extremely innovative for its time.

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The wine domaine is also the expression of the Cooperative's commitment to sustainable practices. The Gueyze vineyard has been undergoing conversion to organic growing since 2017 and this process is due to be completed by the end of 2022. Every effort has been made to foster biodiversity. As it is surrounded by forest, the wine domaine is a prime example of agroforestry. Plant cover has been in use for over 10 years.

Through partnerships with various local environmental associations, Les Vignerons de Buzet has been engaged in the protection of plant and animal species such as the Agen tulip and the Little Owl.



ABOUT LES VIGNERONS DE BUZET

Les Vignerons de Buzet is a union of men and women who decided to take their destiny into their own hands and create a strong identity for their local terroir and its wine. Founded in Buzet-sur-Baïse (Lot-et-Garonne) in the heart of the South-West of France over half a century ago (1953), Les Vignerons de Buzet today includes around 130 winegrowers and has been fully committed to sustainable development for over 10 years.

The cooperative winery vinifies and markets red, rosé and white wines according to its ethos of making a good, clean wine, at the best price for the consumer and in the best conditions for those who make a living from it, in a way that respects both Man and Nature.

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