



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Estate owned by: Louis Barruol  
Winemaker: Louis Barruol and Laurent Bézert  
Total acreage under vine: 153  
Estate founded: 1150  
Region: Rhone Valley  
Country: France

## Rouanne Brut Nature Millesime 2019

### WINE DESCRIPTION

Château de Rouanne is a historic estate with a 12th century medieval castle, situated on a classified Roman site located in the southern Rhône Valley. The name of the estate comes from "Rugius", which is said to be the name of the original Roman owner. The estate totals 177 acres (72 hectares), including 153 acres (62 hectares) of vines. Château de Rouanne was purchased by Louis Barruol, owner and winemaker of Château de Saint Cosme, in May of 2019. Barruol sees enormous potential in Château de Rouanne, having worked with the previous owners for years as a source for some of his négociant wines. "It reminds me a lot of Saint Cosme when I took it over in 1992. It's an unknown sleeping beauty waiting for a vigneron to truly love it."

The vineyard of Château de Rouanne is a unique one-block monopole, planted entirely with 50+ year old vines, which are a selection massale of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. The ancient terroir is comprised of limestone and sandy marl soils dating back to the Pliocene epoch.

Harvested in the cool early morning hours, the grapes undergo a lengthy pressing followed by fermentation using indigenous yeasts in concrete vats to preserve the character and purity of the terroir. The second fermentation occurs with zero dosage.

### TASTING NOTES

Clean, invigorating notes of silex on the nose showcase the limestone soils of the Rouanne vineyard. The aromas and flavors develop as the wines opens to reveal wild strawberry and fresh thyme – a complex and flavorful sparkling rosé.

### FOOD PAIRING

The tension of the acidity and bubbles lifts the rounds of the red fruit flavors, making this a fresh and elegant sparkling wine. It is an ideal aperitif and can be served with hors d'oeuvres, oysters, or a variety of charcuterie and light salads.

### VINEYARD & PRODUCTION INFO

Production area/appellation:	IGP Méditerranée "Comté de Grignan"
Vineyard name:	Rouanne
Soil composition:	Clay, Limestone and Sand
Exposure:	Southeastern
Year vineyard planted:	between 1950 and 1975
Average Wine Age:	50 years

### WINEMAKING & AGING

Varietal composition:	55% Mourvèdre, 20% Cinsault, 10% Syrah, 10% Marselan, 5% Grenache
Fermentation container:	Cement vats

### ANALYTICAL DATA

Alcohol:	12%
pH level:	3.5
Residual sugar:	0.2 g/L
Acidity:	3.4 g/L