

Domaine Combe-Queyzaire

Côtes-du-Rhône



Aestivalis 2023

The 2023 Aestivalis from Denis Deschamps' Combe Queyzaire is made from a blend of fifty percent mourvèdre, forty percent carignan and ten percent grenache. The wine is made for immediate drinking pleasure and comes in at a cool 12.5 percent octane. Denis aims to make a light red that is easy-drinking and suitable for quaffing in the hot summer months (preferably with a slight chill), hence its light color and its lack of approval from les officials as a Côtes-du-Rhône. The wine offers up a pretty bouquet of dark berries, pepper, garrigue, bonfire, lovely soil tones and just a touch of mourvèdre tree bark. On the palate the wine is fullish, complex and nicely balanced, with little or no tannin, but good grip, fine depth at the core and lovely length on the well balanced and easy-drinking finish. Good juice. 2026-2034.

89 pts, John Gilman, View from the Cellar, March-April 2026