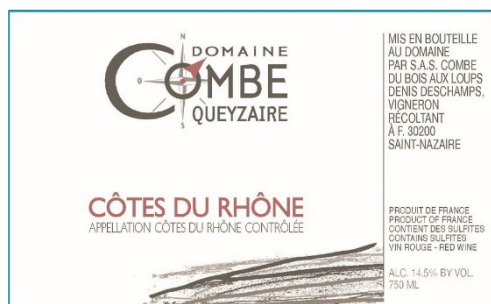


Domaine Combe-Queyzaire

Côtes-du-Rhône



Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages 2023

The 2023 Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages from Domaine Combe Queyzaire is a blend of grenache and syrah, all from a single parcel planted in the 1970s. The syrah is planted on the perimeter of the vineyard and the grenache in the interior, so the blend can vary depending on how well each variety does in a given growing season. The soils here are very similar to Châteauneuf du Pape, with plenty of galets roulés. Denis Deschamps destems the syrah and raised it in older demi-muids, while the grenache is whole cluster and raised in concrete vats. The 2023 version comes in at fourteen percent octane and delivers a fine bouquet of dark berries, a touch of fruitcake, hung game, stony soil tones, pepper, garrigue and a topnote of bonfire. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with fine depth of fruit at the core, good soil undertow, ripe tannins and fine length and grip on the well balanced finish. This has enough structure to merit giving it a couple of years in the cellar to soften up further. It really does taste like an old school Châteauneuf from the decade of the 1980s. 2029-2050.

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