

EARL PHILIPPE CARTOUX

Domaine Des Espiers

Gigondas et Côtes du Rhône

The small story of the Domaine des Espiers :

This domain was entirely created by a young but experienced vine grower Philippe Cartoux in 1988. It is situated in the low hills around the village of Gigondas. Cartoux made a major investment not only in the vineyard but in the decision that the way to get the wine he wanted was to age it in oak barrels. Although wine was produced after 3 years, it was not until the vines were producing sufficiently mature juice, in their 8th year, that Philippe decided the quality of wine was ready for his signature. Until then, it was sold to negociants.

As soon as the wine was put on the market, it was snapped up by some of the great restaurants such as Le Crillon, Le Ritz, Royal Monceau etc... and it also found an immediate market in England, Holland, Germany and Japan.

Quantities available of Gigondas are small but that very smallness allows Cartoux to completely control both the production and the vinification personally. He comes from the modern school of young southern Rhône growers who have tackled the task of making a wine that maintains the traditional typicity of its appellation's aromas and flavors but which are accessible in one or two years. The old method which came from both the nature of vinification and the percentage of varietals in the blend required 5 or 6 years of aging before the wine flowered. That was expensive if the grower cellared the wine and it required a real collector to buy a wine like a Gigondas who could cellar it himself.

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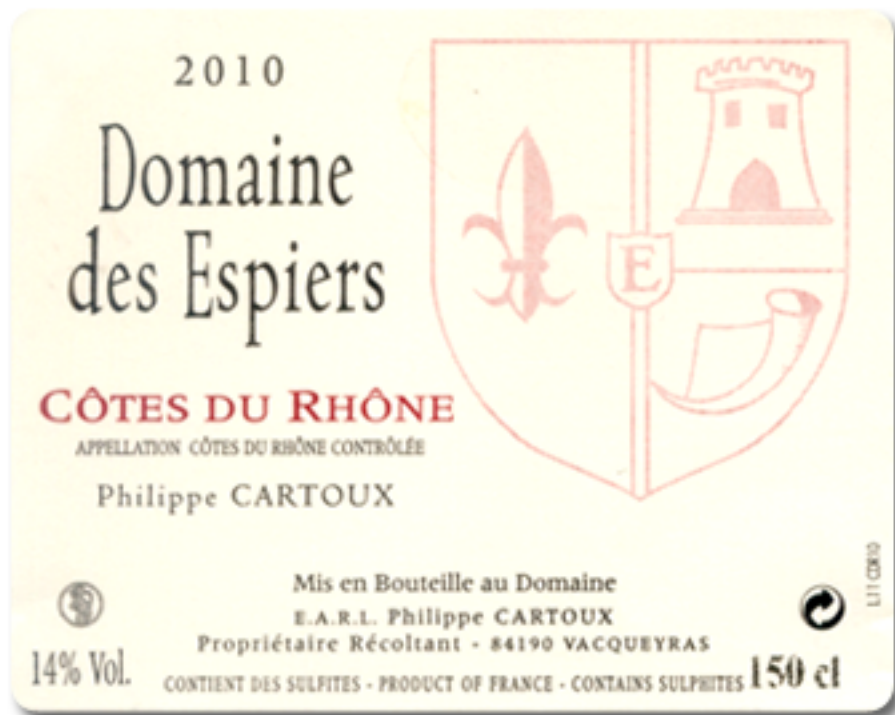
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Côtes du Rhône Red

Appellation Contrôlée	Red Côtes du Rhône
Extent of vineyard	7,5 hectares
Soil type & site	Sandy clay
Grape varieties	Grenache 70 %, Syrah 10 %, Mourvèdre 20 %
Average Yield	45 hl per hectare
Vinification	Traditional. Grapes are 25 % destemmed. Hand picked. Vinified in vats during 10 days with high temperature rises. The must is racked and returned for highest extraction.

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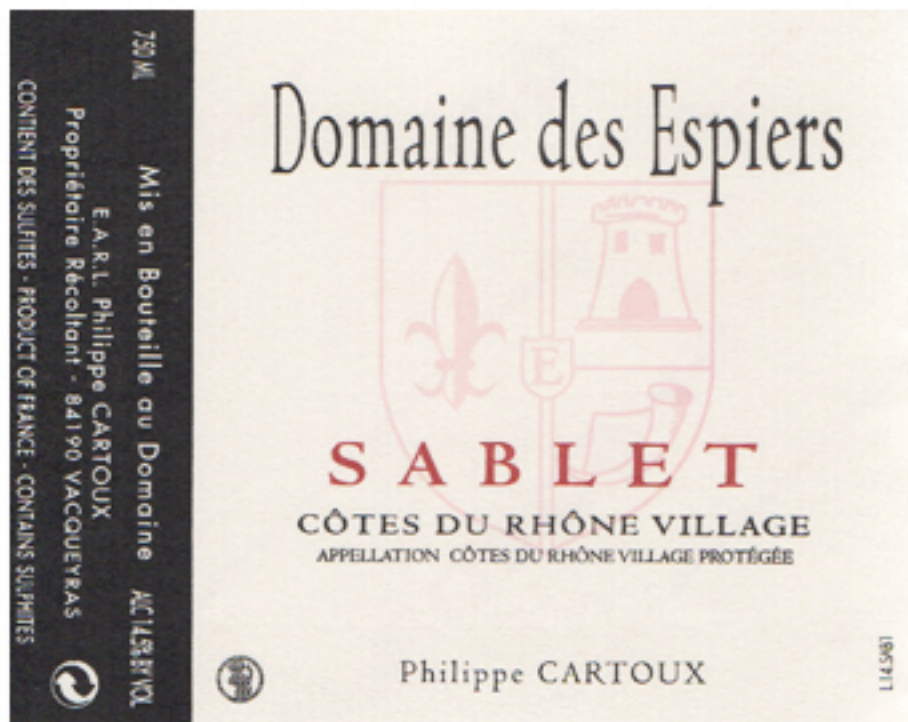
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Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet Red

Appellation Contrôlée	Red Côtes du Rhône Sablet
Extent of vineyard	3 hectares
Soil type & site	Sandy clay
Grape varieties	Grenache 80 %, Syrah 20 %
Average Yield	45 hl per hectare
Vinification	Traditional. Grapes are 25 % destemmed. Hand picked. Vinified in vats during 13 days. The must is racked and returned three times during four hours each time for highest extraction.

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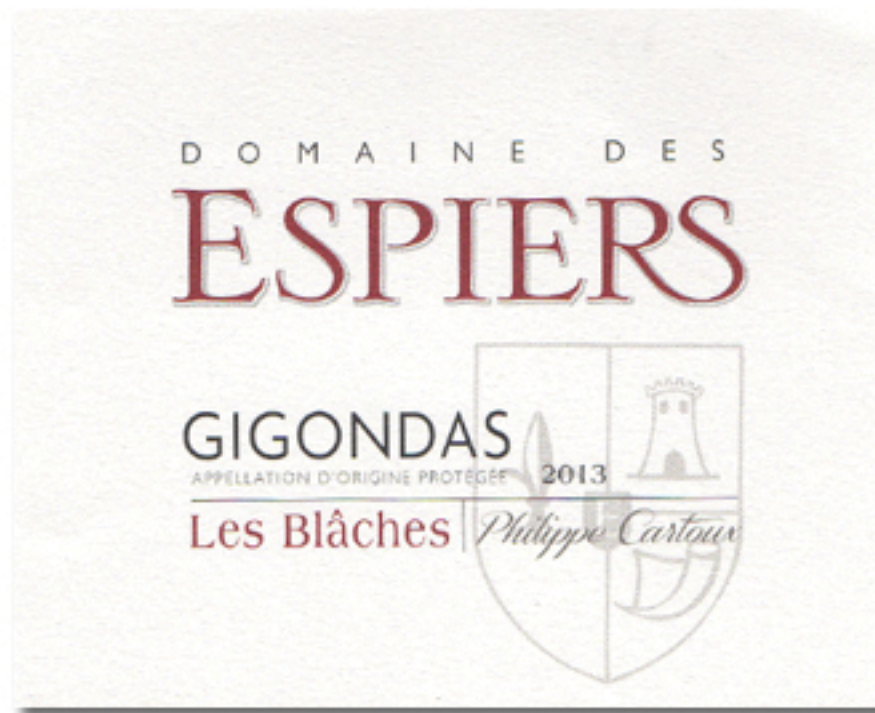
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Gigondas Red - cuvée Les Blâches

Appellation Contrôlée	Red Gigondas
Extent of vineyard	0.5 hectares
Soil type & site	Sandy clay
Grape varieties	Grenache 70 %, Syrah 30 %
Average Yield	28 hl per hectare
Vinification	Traditional. Hand picked. Vinified at a very high temperature with the entire grapes. The must is longly racked and returned for highest extraction. Aged in oak barrels during 10 months. Not fined, not filtered.

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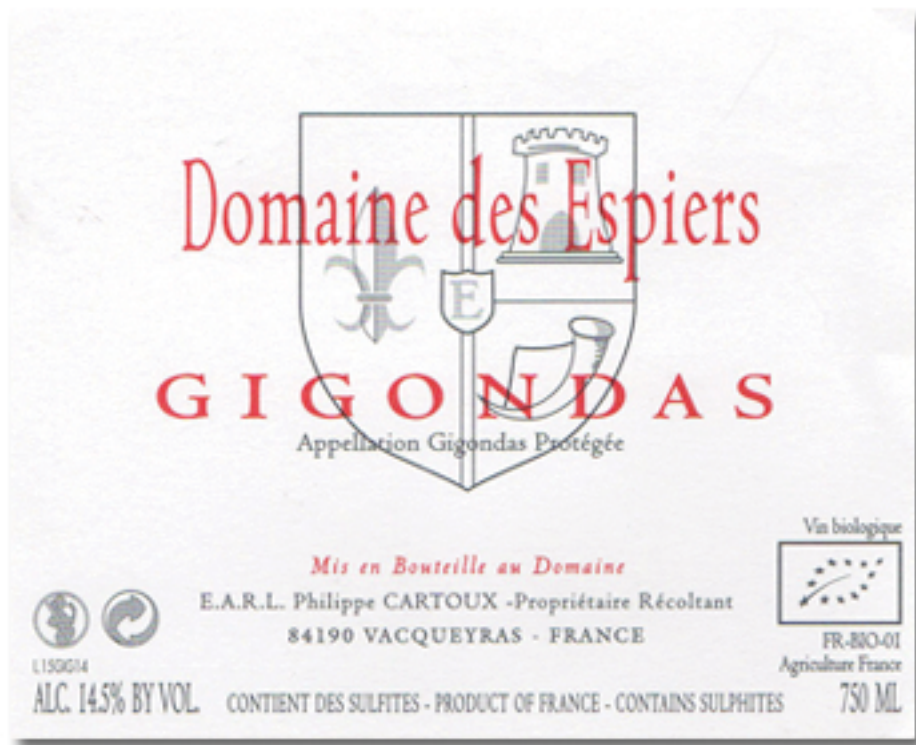
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Gigondas Red

Appellation Contrôlée	Red Gigondas
Extent of vineyard	3 hectares
Soil type & site	Sandy clay
Grape varieties	Grenache 65 %, Syrah 35 %
Average Yield	35 hl per hectare
Vinification	Traditional. Grapes are 25 % destemmed. Hand picked. Vinified in vats during 15 days. The must is racked and returned several times.

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