

# DOMAINE DE PIERREDON

## CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES SIGNARGUES

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### GROWING REGION:

The Estézargues plateau, west of Avignon in the southern Rhône Valley, France.

### TERROIR:

The Estézargues plateau is an ancient river wash, like the Châteauneuf-du-Pape plateau just to the northeast. That's to say, an enormous mound of gravel, clay and sand created by glacial forces. It rises high above the Rhone's right bank. Soil is arid, climate is dry and quite windy.

### GRAPES:

Roughly 50% Grenache and 50% Mourvèdre, certified organic. The Mourvèdre vines average 50 years of age.

### VINIFICATION NOTES:

Destemmed grapes are lightly crushed, then stay in vats for maceration and fermentation for 3-4 weeks. No yeast additions, enzymes, cold stabilization, fining or filtration: SOP since last century. Natural before natural became chic. Minimal SO2 addition only at bottling. 800 cases.

### TASTING NOTES:

Fat and textured, with deliciously chewy tannins.