



# Haynes Hanson & Clark

WINE MERCHANTS

## Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de Verquière 2020

Rhône Valley, France



**Grape Varieties** 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah

**Vintage** 2020

**ABV** 13.5%

**Style** Red

**Body** Medium

**Oaked** Unoaked

**Closure** Cork

**Notes** Organic Certified

### PRODUCER

Situated in the village of Sablet, Domaine de Verquière is a 45-hectare estate that has been passed down from father to son over four generations. Today the winery is managed by Thibaut Chamfort, who is perpetuating and developing the family vineyard according to age-old traditions. Thanks to his experience built up both in France and abroad (California and South Africa) Thibaut intends to make the most of his legacy by ensuring continued improvement of the quality of the wines.

### VINEYARDS

Thibaut obtained organic certification in 2014. The soil is worked at depth to bring out all the true character of the terroir, making it less compact and encouraging the proliferation of micro organisms in the soil. This Côtes du Rhône is grown on clay-sand soils.

### WINEMAKING

The stems are removed from the bunches as soon as they arrive in the cellar, with the Syrah and the Grenache grapes being vinified separately. Fermentation takes place initially at 20-22°C, then rises to 28°C towards the end of maceration. The traditional vatting procedure lasts between 10 and 15 days. The wine is blended and held in concrete tank before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

This vibrant Côtes du Rhône has aromas that recall fresh raspberries and blackberries. The palate is fleshy, pure and richly fruity, the finish being buoyant and satisfying.