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## DOMAINE DE LA BERTHETE, CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES ROUGE, SAINTE CÉCILE, SOUTHERN RHÔNE, FRANCE, 2019



### Producer Profile

From the Middles Ages, vines have been grown on the Plaine du Plan de Dieu in the heart of the Southern Rhône. Back then you were taking your life in your hands crossing the plain as bandits freely roamed the land. This perhaps gave rise to the plain's name as whether you lived or died was up to God's plan.

Pascal Maillet's original plan, having studied computer sciences, had nothing to do with wine, but almost overnight this changed. In 1993, Pascal and his wife, Marie-Pierre, bought this family domaine. They now work the stone ridden, clay-limestone soils of the plain to create wonderful vigorous wines in a traditional style from 35 year old vines. Full of garrigue notes with sweet black fruit and nuances of spice, these wines are some the best hand crafted offerings in the Southern Rhône. God's plan can indeed be mysterious.

### Viticulture

Planted with Grenache 45%, Syrah 30%, Cinsault 5% and Carignan 20%, the vineyard work is now carried out following the principles of reasoned viticulture with the utmost respect for the environment and harvesting is done mainly by hand with de-stemming of the grapes.

### Tasting Note

Instantly appealing, perfumed, fresh, generous fruit and full-bodied flavours which develop layers of complexity interwoven with notes of liquorice and soft spice. The keynotes of freshness, fruit and finesse linger long into the finish.

### Food Matching

Pork joint, dry pork sausage and wild board. Also medium seasoned cheeses.

### Technical Details

#### Varieties:

Grenache 50%  
Syrah 50%

ABV: 14.5%

Closure: Natural cork

Colour: Red

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

#### Oak Treatment

No oak treatment