



## Château des Roques Vacqueyras

SOUTHERN RHÔNE/CRU VILLAGES

A few miles from Avignon, Château des Roques is a 32 hectare estate set in the heart of the A.O.C Vacqueyras. Owner Pierre Seroul & winemaker André Fregière are both passionate about employing traditional winemaking methods while modernizing with modern equipment to reach the wine's full potential.

**Grapes:** 70% Mourvedre, 15% Grenache, 15% Syrah.

**Viniculture:** Traditional winemaking practices. Wine is aged in French oak for 6 months.

**Alcohol:** 14% vol.

Tasting Notes

**Appearance:** Deep garnet hue

**Nose:** Black fruits with notes of spice.

**Palate:** A well balanced wine with a full body of concentrated black fruits on the front palate. Spicy notes linger on the long finish.



## Southern Rhône Wine Region of France

**Climate:** Southern Rhône has a Mediterranean climate characterized by hot summers and mild winters. *Le Mistral* is also present in this region, helping cool the vines (allowing grapes to retain acidity) and preventing rot.

The Rhône Valley takes its name from the Rhône River which runs South through the region (beginning in the Swiss Alps). The Southern Rhône varies much differently in climate and flavor profile from the Northern Rhône.

The most famous wine appellations from Southern Rhône are: Beaumes-de-Venise, Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Côtes-du-Rhône, Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages, Gigondas, and **Vacqueyras**.

The leading red grape varietal in Southern Rhône is Grenache, but most southern Rhône wines are blends of several varieties of grape including syrah, cinsault, mourvèdre, and carignan.

**Vacqueyras** is considered a "Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages" (meaning higher quality) and the appellation produces bold, powerful red wines. The flavors can include wild herbs, black currants, pepper, and blueberries.