

Domaine de la Guicharde

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Entry road to the estate. Domaine de la Guicharde is located in an idyllic setting, in which the vineyard is integrated into a unique eco-system sheltered by the forests, scrub-brush and slopes of the Massif d'Uchaux, near Mondragon.



Above: visitors are welcome!

Below: wild poppies grow at the border of the vineyard which sits on a high plateau in the Uchaux hills.



Below right: old Grenache vines on stony soil.
Below left: the Cotes du Rhone Villages vineyard which produces the grapes for the Cuvee Genest. This is an ancient sea bed and small fossils are found in the sandy-limestone soil, which drains well and adds complexity and character to the wine.





Garrigue, or wild scrub, surrounds the vineyards. Note the rocks in the soil which have a warming effect. The wild herbs in the scrub nuance the wine, giving its Provençal-herb aromas and flavors.



A special machine has just ploughed under the grass between the rows. No chemical herbicides are used, ensuring the health of the vineyards.



At left: a state-of-the-art "robo-pigeur" which thoroughly mixes the solids with the juice to attain full extraction of color and flavor. At right: all the wines ferment in stainless-steel tanks to ensure the freshest and purest wines.



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