DOMAINE DES POTHIERS

Côte Roannaise "Diogène"

Winemaker
Romain Paire

Wine Region
Loire Valley

Story

The Pothiers family has cared for this estate in the Côte Roannaise region of the Loire Valley for generations. The area, known as "Volcanic Loire," is at the foothills of the Massif Central overlooking the southern Loire. In 2005, winemaker Romain Paire joined his parents in the family winemaking tradition. Their certified Biodynamic vineyard lies on the best granitic hills, between 1,200 and 1,500 feet in elevation.

Vineyard

Nestled in Villemontais village, the estate spans 21 hectares (52 acres), with vines flourishing nearby. Côte Roannaise, part of the Loire Valley, rests south of the river near its springs. This discreet vineyard covers just over 230 hectares (568 acres) of prime granitic hills, ranging from 400 to 500 meters (1200 to 1500 feet) in elevation. The sandy soils nurture 30 to 70-year-old vines.

Vinification

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted both in the vineyard and cellar. The winemaking process includes 100% destemming, followed by a 6-month maceration and 6 months of aging in 750-liter amphorae (Tava). The wine is entirely aged in these amphorae.

Tasting Notes

Red color with purplish highlights in the glass. The nose opens with a bouquet of red fruits, with fresh notes of ripe fruit and spices. On the palate, the wine is fine & complex. Amphora vinification gives it roundness and incredible finesse.

Food Pairing

This wine is ideal as an aperitif, or with meat dishes in sauce, game, prime rib, and mature cheeses.

QUICK FACTS

Variety

100% Gamay St-Romain.

Aging

Amphorae.

Farming

Organic & Biodynamic Certified.