



2021 Domaine de la Janasse Cuvee Vieilles Vignes Chateauneuf-du-Pape, France

TRADE OFFER

\$57

per bottle

12-bottle case \$684 · Winery SRP \$150 · One-case minimum

TOP SELLING POINTS

Aimé built the cellar. Christophe has run it since 1991.

Aimé Sabon came home from military service in 1967, took back family vines from the cooperative and the negociant, and built his own cellar in 1973. He named the domaine for the family farm at La Janasse in Courthezon. Fifteen hectares then. More than 90 now. Christophe studied in Beaune, took the keys in 1991, and split the wines instead of blending everything into one Cuvee. Isabelle, an oenologist, joined in 2001. Wine Spectator visited in 2025 and still found Aimé in the vineyard.

Flagship old vines. Four terroirs in one bottle.

Vieilles Vignes is the house's top red, not Chaupin and not the Tradition. Vines 80 to 100 years old. Four complementary soils: rolled pebbles for power, sand for freshness, red clay for structure, limestone slopes for finesse. About 15,000 bottles. Yield around 28 hl/ha. This is the cuvee the domaine puts at the top of the rankings.

PRESS

96 Wine Advocate · 95 Decanter · 95 Vinous · 94 Jeb Dunnuck · 94 Wine Spectator · 93 James Suckling

AIMÉ SABON

Built the cellar in 1973 · Courthezon · the family still farms the galets

Aimé Sabon returned from military service in 1967 and took over vines his father had been delivering to the cooperative and his father-in-law had been selling to negociants. In 1973 he built his own cellar. Domaine de la Janasse was born, named for the family farm at the lieu-dit La Janasse in Courthezon. He kept buying parcels. Fifteen hectares became more than 90, across Chateauneuf-du-Pape, Cotes du Rhone, villages, and IGP. The photograph on this page is Aimé in those vines, holding the rolled pebbles that define the southern plots. Christophe joined in 1991 after viticulture and oenology in Beaune and a commercial diploma in Macon. Aimé handed him the cellar immediately. Isabelle, Christophe's sister, arrived in 2001 as oenologist. Juliette, Christophe's eldest, joined in March 2026. The 2021 Vieilles Vignes is still a family wine.

2021 IN THE GLASS

The winery calls Vieilles Vignes its flagship, always at the top of international rankings. Dark robe with purple reflections. On the nose, still-discreet crushed black fruits and garrigue, waiting to melt into a noble, fresh substance. Finesse and elegance on the palate. Keep it; the house pairs it with juggled hare a la Royale. Jeb Dunnuck (94) called the 2021 one of the top wines of the vintage: mostly Grenache with Mourvedre and Syrah, black cherries, redcurrants, peppery herbs, graphite. Wine Advocate (96) noted velvety waves of ripe black cherries and black raspberries, concentrated without heaviness. Those scores are critic notes, not a Wine-Searcher aggregate. About 75 percent Grenache, 15 percent Mourvedre, 5 percent Syrah, Grenache-led CdP blend · Vines 80–100 years · 80% destemmed · 28-day maceration · 12 months foudre and demi-muid · ~15,000 bottles

PAIRING AND SERVICE

Rosemary rack of lamb or loin chops · Slow Provençal stew or daube · Mushroom, lentil, and garrigue herbs

Serve around 60–64°F in a generous Rhone stem. Taste on opening. A 30–60 minute decant helps the 2021 show the garrigue.

WINE-SEARCHER MARKET

Score 93 Low \$88 Average \$115 High \$121.50

Checked 2026-09-08 · U.S. bottle listings · Buying context, not a required resale



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