

MAS DE GOURGONNIER 'LES BAUX DE PROVENCE' ROUGE, SANS SOUFFRE

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Between Avignon and the sea in the south of France, there is a range of rocky hills rising from the Rhone valley, the Alpilles.

The Gourgonnier estate is nestled in a tiny valley at the base of the dramatically stark and beautiful cliffs of Les Baux, in a favored microclimate. The estate is composed of 116 acres of vines and 49 acres of olives, all grown organically. The vineyards benefit from a hot and windy climate that naturally protects them from fungi and other diseases and pests. The soil is mineral rich, stony clay-limestone. Surface stones contribute to the ripening of the fruit. The grapes are harvested by hand and vinification is traditional. The wines are aged in magnificent huge old wooden vats.

Mas de Gourgonnier, a stone farmhouse built in the eighteenth century, is a family-run estate that's been organic as long as anyone can remember. It has been home to the Cartier family for five generations. Today, brothers Luc and Frederic Cartier, who succeeded their dad Nicolas, run the estate and Luc's daughter Eve is gradually taking the reins. They have been certified organic by Ecocert for more than 30 years. They are also certified "USDA NOP" (United States Department of Agriculture National Organic Program).

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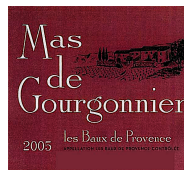
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Shelf Talker:

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