

LES VIGNERONS D'ESTEZARGUES COTES DU RHONE ROUGE 'TAPARAS'



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From a mosaic of small, family-owned plots surrounding the village of Estézargues, in the Rhône Valley, Côtes-du-Rhône, Southern Rhône, France. The soil is stony, red clay-limestone. The name "Taparas" is derived from a local dialect word for a compact sedimentary rock formed by pebbles embedded in natural cement, which is a hallmark of the Estézargues terroir. The vines are approximately 25-years-old. The grapes are destemmed before pressing. Fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Maceration period of 10-15 days at controlled temperatures. Aged for several months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled without fining or filtration.

Established in 1965 near Avignon, Les Vignerons d'Estézargues is widely considered one of the most innovative and high-quality wine cooperatives in France. Unlike traditional cooperatives that focus on high-volume bulk production, Estézargues is a pioneer of the natural wine movement within a collaborative setting. While most co-ops blend all members' grapes into generic batches, Estézargues vinifies grapes from each of its 10–12 member estates separately. This preserves the unique identity of specific plots. The group manages roughly 1,360 acres, yet maintains strictly hands-off winemaking.

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Tasting Note:

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