

Domaine de la Terre Rouge

TERRE ROUGE® AND EASTON WINES



TERRE ROUGE®
SIERRA FOOTHILLS

ROUSSANNE

PRODUCED & BOTTLED BY DOMAINE DE LA TERRE ROUGE
PLYMOUTH, CALIFORNIA. ALC. 14.5% BY VOL.

2012 TERRE ROUGE Roussanne - Sierra Foothills

We began bottling Roussanne on an annual basis in 2001. This bottling originates from a vineyard site we helped establish and develop between Auburn and Foresthill called the Monarch Mine Vineyard. It is planted with a clone of the Roussanne grape that originates from a Chave family parcel on the hill at Hermitage. This is a difficult variety to grow. It ripens unevenly, so it must be harvested selectively and not all at the same time. It is also susceptible to powdery mildew. The fruit in 2012 was fully ripe at harvest on October 15th, quite bit later than usual here, but a week earlier than 2011. The crop size was small as the vineyard recovered from powdery mildew in 2011. We threw away 80% of the crop in 2011. This 2012 has classic Roussanne characteristics: Straw golden color; with exquisite quince, honey-nut, and beeswax aromas. It has a very rich and silky mouth feel from barrel fermentation and lees aging, and excellent minerality. Bottle-aged two years prior to release. A rare European-styled Cali-wine that is wonderfully balanced and built for the long haul. This is our most serious and age-worthy Rhone white. It begins to show its stuff at 5+ years of age.

14.5 % alcohol by vol.; 3.67 pH; 6.2 gm./liter total acidity

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