

# DOMAINE LE SANG DES CAILLOUX

## VACQUEYRAS BLANC 'UN SANG BLANC'

### ORIGIN

Vacqueyras, Rhône, France

### WINE TYPE & VARITIES

Still white,  
20% Clairette,  
20% Grenache Blanc,  
15% Bourboulenc,  
15% Rousanne,  
15% Marsanne and  
15% Viognier

### VINEYARD

From 1 ha on Plateau des Garrigues

### SOIL

Red clay, limestone,  
GALETS ROULÉS

### AGE OF VINES

10-20 y/o

### VITICULTURE

Certified biodynamic,  
low yields, 20hl/ha

### VINIFICATION

Manual harvest, little  
intervention, indigenous yeast,  
4-5 weeks spontaneous  
fermentation in 450 L barrels,  
lees stirring, malolactic  
fermentation, 12-18 months  
aging in 1-3 year old barrels.  
Unfined. Unfiltered.

### OTHER

White Vacqueyras is rare,  
the total production within the  
AOC reaches no more than  
~ 2%

In 1974, Serge Férigoule left winemaking school with a longing to return to the vineyards. He went to work for Monsieur Ricard's family in 1979 to oversee the vineyards. Without anyone in his family to succeed him, Ricard decided to gamble by partnering with Serge in 1982.

In 1990, after Monsieur Ricard's retirement, Serge launched Le Sang des Cailloux. Vacqueyras had just been awarded an A.O.C. that same year, a timely twist of fate that helped Serge's wines to become as celebrated as they deserve.

Since 2008 Serge Férigoule is a certified biodynamic winemaker and belongs to the group Biodyvin. One glimpse of Serge Férigoule's barbell moustache might be enough for one to be completely enamored with the wines of Le Sang des Cailloux, although they also speak remarkably well for themselves.

This domaine's name means "the blood of the stones," and Serge is most certainly the heart that links the two together. All of Serge's seventeen hectares rest on the great Plateau des Garrigues, where red clay, limestone, and the famous galets roulés, or rounded stones, impart a terrific intensity and depth to the wines. Given the aridity of the soil, the vines here are naturally prone to lower yields—this gives the wines their concentration and power.

That Serge has been farming organically for years but has never sought certification says something about his philosophy. He is not looking to impress; only to make the best wines he possibly can. Serge is also sentimental—each year, the Cuvée Traditionnelle of Le Sang des Cailloux is named for one of his daughters, Floureto, Doucinello and Azalaïs. The "Vieilles Vignes" is also called "Lopy," named for his hometown. His wines have everything we love about the Rhône – wild and chewy with great notes of leather, spicy garrigue, and smoky, black fruit.



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