

# DOMAINE LE SANG DES CAILLOUX

## VACQUEYRAS ROUGE 'CUVÉE LOPY'

### ORIGIN

Vacqueyras, Rhône, France

### WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still red, 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah

### VINEYARD

Parcels of old vines spread over 4 ha on Plateau des Garrigues

### SOIL

Red clay, limestone,  
GALETS ROULÉS

### AGE OF VINES

55-65 y/o

### VITICULTURE

Certified biodynamic,  
low yields, 18hl/ha

### VINIFICATION

Manual harvest,  
little intervention, destemmed  
grapes, indigenous yeast,  
2-3 weeks spontaneous  
fermentation in cement,  
daily pump overs,  
12-15 months aging in 450 L  
barrels. All parcels vinified  
separately.  
Unfiltered. Unfined.

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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