

## Côtes du Rhône, Domaine de la Solitude 2017



A medium bodied wine with an enticing perfume of fresh cranberry and cherry and a fresh bite on the finish.

### Producer Note

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Wines have been made on this estate for several hundred years, dating back to 1264 when the family arrived from Italy to serve the pope in Avignon. The three hats depicted on the label, signifies two bishops and a pope, who were among the fore fathers of the Lançon family. Today, the domain with its 38 hectares in the Châteauneuf du Pape appellation, is passing to the next generation as brothers Jean and Michel Lançon are handing over the reins to Florent, Michel's son. Florent, who is passionate about innovative winemaking, while honouring traditional values, has recently started working with new tulip-shaped concrete vats which were initially designed for Cheval Blanc and are at the cutting edge of winemaking technology. Domaine de la Solitude's wines are renowned for their characteristic elegance whilst expressing the true origins of their terroir.

### Vineyard

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The Côtes du Rhône vineyards are situated mainly in Gard, with over 50% of the grapes coming from Côtes du Rhône Villages vineyards; the remainder coming from the named parcels of Plan de Dieu and Rasteau. The vineyards all have a stony, granitic soil structure.

### Winemaking

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The grapes were fully destemmed. Fermentation took place in temperature controlled concrete tanks, with 25 days of maceration. Gentle extraction techniques such as pumping over or 'remontage', were used to retain the purity of fruit and obtain the velvety tannins which are characteristic of Domaine de la Solitude. The wine was matured in 100% in concrete tank, as per the traditional vinification of the Southern Rhône Valley.

### Tasting Note

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An enticing nose of concentrated, ripe red berry fruits, enhanced by subtle notes of black pepper and spice. Supple and rounded on the palate, supported by a delicate tannic structure.

### Grape

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Grenache 60%, Syrah 30%, Mourvèdre 10%



Winemaker:	Florent Lançon
Region:	Rhône
Sub region:	Côtes du Rhône
Country:	France
Alcohol:	14%
Body Value:	B (A is light, E is full bodied)
Residual Sugar:	N/A
Contains Sulphites:	Yes
Vegetarian/Vegan:	Yes/Yes
Milk/Eggs:	No/No
Organic/Biodynamic	No/No
Product Code:	4614717A
Case unit of measure:	6X75CL
Formats Available:	75cl
Closure:	Natural Cork