RHONE

VENTOUX: DOMAINE VINTUR CUVEE BELENOS RED

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TASTING NOTES

Spiced ripe cassis with hints of wild moorland and warm saddle leather, which leads to a mixture of ripe dark forest fruit with hints of opulent spiced tones. The finish is long and enchanting.



WITH FOOD

Beef

VINTAGE	2016
REGION	Rhone
APPELLATION	Ventoux
GRAPES	70% Grenache Noir, 20% Syrah, 5% Carignan, 5% Mourvedre
KEEPING	Drink within 15 years of bottling.
VINIFICATION	Fermented in stainless steel and about 65% was aged in large new barrels of French oak for 24 months plus a further six months in a neutral breathable tank. Domaine Vintur expects this wine to develop into something magical over the next few years, but they are already very excited by it.
BOTTLE	75cl
VOLUME	15.0%

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Domaine Vintur is an independent wine producer located on the lower slopes of Mont Ventoux, 33 Km from Avignon. When Graham Shore, a British wine-lover who has lived for part of the year in Provence for nearly 20 years, bought Domaine Vintur in 2010, it had been under-managed for several years and certain buildings were in need of renovation; what followed can only be described as a labour of love. The combination of Graham's passion for both wine and Provence is reflected in the quality and level of restoration conducted.

Their resident winemaker, James Wood, has worked in vineyards across France, Germany, South Africa, New Zealand and England. James moved to the Domaine Vintur in early 2012 and his efforts had early success, winning awards for both white and red wines. One of the reasons Graham decided upon Domaine Vintur was the vines. Most of the vines on the 12 ½ hectares of planted land are 30-60 years old, so fully mature. They therefore have the potential to produce complex wines, with subtle but engaging aromas and flavours. The location is ideal for producing high quality fruit, thanks to a combination of Provençal sunshine, mistral winds and limestone/clay soil. The Southern Rhône has a history of wine making dating back to the ancient Greeks, who brought over and planted the first vines, and the Romans, who expanded the vineyards.