

Côtes du Ventoux Rosé

L'Instant

Domaine: Domaine de Fondrèche

Cuvée: L'Instant

Vintage: 2006

Producer: Sébastien Vincenti

Website: <http://www.fondreche.com>

Variety: 40% Cinsault 30% Grenache 30% Syrah

Country: France

Region: Rhône Valley

Background

Domaine Fondrèche is situated on the picturesque foothills of Mount Ventoux in the village of Mazan. Young winemaker Sébastien Vincenti, a protégé of André Brunel, is without a doubt the leader in quality in this southern Rhone appellation. The 35 ha of vineyards at Fondrèche are cropped to produce nearly half the yields of his neighbors, making Sébastien's wines deeply textured and intensely fruited.

Although well known for his deliciously concentrated red wines, the best-kept secret here just may be the Rosé. Made from three grapes, it is a blend of 30% Syrah, 30% Grenache, and 40% Cinsault. The Cinsault & Syrah are kept 3 to 4 hours on the skins, before being slowly pressed – a technique known as *pressurage directe*. The Grenache is fermented for a short time and then *saignée*, or bled off, and blended in tank. The L'Instant Rosé has beautiful pink color, lovely aromatics, and fully dry palate. Serve well chilled!

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