

## Domaine de l'Amauve.

Some news from the estate at the date of 5 April 2020.

We are confined at Séguret, like all French people.

The vine does not know what confinement means.

It is beginning to develop its small leaves and requires more and more care.

I am therefore confined, alone in the vineyard, on my tractor to scratch the soil, mow the grass...

For their part, Mohamed and Mounir, also confined, carry out various other works in the vineyard.

In the vineyard, pruning is done.

Currently, the main work is the tying of the sticks, which allows to give the desired shape to the young plants of 2, 3, or 4 years old.

The digging of the dead vines will be the next step. They will then be replaced by young plants.

Each year, there is a little mortality in the vineyard. This is mainly due to the summer drought.

It is important to replace these plants in order to keep the vineyard in good condition.

In the cellars, the different cuvees of the 2019 vintage have been made.

I have already bottled some of these cuvées :

- The rosé 2019 Vaucluse IGP "Le rosé d'Yvonne".
- The rosé 2019 SEGURET "Le rosé de Simone".
- The white 2019 SEGURET "La Daurèle".
- The red 2019 Vaucluse IGP "La vigne de Louis".

All these cuvees are now available for sale.

The cuvees of the 2018 vintage that are aged in barrels have been racked (These are the cuvees "Estelles", "Les Merrelies", and "Réserve").

The bottling of these cuvées will be done sometime in May.

The filling up of the barrels of the 2019 cuvees who are aged in wood ("Les Merrelies" and "Réserve") will take place in the coming days.

Below you can see a photo of the vineyard around mid-March.

The vine shoots that were cut during pruning are on the ground and will be crushed to bring organic matter to the soil.

Grass grows in the second row. The roots of the grass decompact the soil and promote underground life.



In the middle of March the beginning of the awakening of the vineyard took place. It was then the moment of the "crying" of the vine. Through the pruning wounds, liters of water flowed out. Because of the mild winter, the vegetation is in advance this year. There is a great danger of frost in spring. But that is part of the risks of the job...

The pictures below, taken in mid-March, show the "crying" of the vine. This is a vine of Clairette which had been pruned a few days before.



Another view of the vineyard in March.



It is now early April.

The vegetation has woken up after the winter break.

The vines pruned early are waking up earlier.

The two pictures below show the young shoots on an old Grenache Noir vineyard.



The young plants have a lot of trouble getting established in the vineyard.  
But they are tenacious and manage to take their place.



The Domaine de l'Amave is in organic conversion since 2017. It will be certified organic with its 2020 harvest.

For your information, the red wines of the Domaine are certified Vegan since the 2018 vintage.

For your information also, the Domaine is in the process of HVE (High Environmental Value) certification. It will be certified in 2020.

I hope that the coronavirus will soon be a bad memory for all of us and that we will be able to meet each other and taste my new vintages.

I wish you to take good care of yourself and your family in the face of the covid-19 problem and to overcome this health crisis as well as possible.

Christian Voeux  
Vigneron. Oenologue.