



**Domaine de l'Amauve**

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Dear Madam. Dear Sir.

Summer has begun. The heat is here. While regions further north in France are experiencing an exceptional heatwave, our region is simply enjoying summer (with temperatures one to two °C above the seasonal average).

What will matter in the coming weeks is whether or not a wave of thunderstorms arrives. If these storms don't come, we risk heading towards a summer similar to last year's, that is to say, too hot, too windy, and too dry.

We did, however, have some good rainfall in winter and early spring. The soils are therefore still saturated with water, and the vegetation (including the vines) has moisture available... at least for now. Time will tell how this new vintage will develop. One thing is certain: the harvest will be even earlier than last year due to the various heat waves we've experienced in recent months. I'm currently anticipating a harvest start before August 15th for both the white grapes and the red grapes that will be used to make rosé wine.

Today, some of the vineyard work is coming to an end.



Vegetation lifting is carried out in the trellised plots.

Manual topping is done in the majority of plots.



Grenache noir vine before manual topping.



Grenache noir vine after manual topping.

The bud thinning work will be finished in a few days. Generally, this work is done when the shoots are less developed. This year, due to the heat and the rapid growth of the vegetation, this work is concluding by removing large shoots, some of which are heavily laden with grapes. This work is nevertheless important because it allows air and sunlight to penetrate the vines, which will limit the development of diseases, while also removing some of the grapes, thus concentrating the plant's energy on the remaining crop. The result will be a harvest of very high quality.



Vine after manual bud removal.



Branches (and bunches of grapes) removed during bud removal.

The baby vines planted in March are also facing a severe challenge with the heat, drought, and wind (Mistral). Their underdeveloped root systems prevent them from drawing water from deep in the soil. The watering frequency for these seedlings depends on the weather. Currently, it is once a week, but even so, some leaves are showing signs of drying out, indicating stress.



A small plant of the year at the beginning of summer.

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Today I would like to introduce you to one of my vineyards: It is located not far from the river (the Ouvèze). It is planted with Grenache Noir grapes. It was planted by my grandfather Henri and my father Louis.

It is now 81 years old.

Because I want to preserve these old vines, which produce exceptional grapes, for as long as possible, the vineyard is entirely grassed over to protect the vines from the impact of tilling equipment. The terroir is composed of clay and sand deposited by the river. There are also some rounded pebbles. The soil is light in color.

At Domaine de l'Amauve, I preserve the old vines as much as possible. They are part of the vineyard's history. They produce less than young vines, but my goal isn't production. My goal of quality comes from limited yields.

A few vines from this plot (photos taken in spring 2026) :





This same vineyard today (photos from June 22, 2026) :





This old vine is part of our winemaking heritage. It is located outside the Séguret appellation area, on the riverbank, and I use it to make my red wine, "La Vigne de Louis".

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During this period of summer, then autumn, many of you will come to our region. I will be happy to welcome you to Domaine de l'Amauve to taste my latest vintages and share my passion for vines and wine. Perhaps you already know my "Cabanon des Vignes" (tasting cellar) located in the middle of the vineyard. It allows me to taste my wines in good conditions due to its air conditioning.

As you know, I work alone and, when you visit, I might be in the vineyard or the cellar, so it's important to call me (0610712672) or email me ([domainedelamauve@gmail.com](mailto:domainedelamauve@gmail.com)) to make an appointment. This way we can find the best time to meet.

Here is the address of my "Cabanon des Vignes": 119 Chemin de Granges Neuves, 84110, Séguret. (just before Domaine Jean David).

All the directions to get there are also on my website at the following address :

<https://www.domainedelamauve.fr/VenteSurLaProprieteAngl.html>

I wish you a wonderful summer.  
Receive my best regards.

Christian Voeux  
Vigneron. Oenologue.

