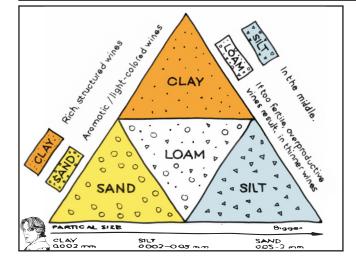


GRENACHE - DOMAINE SAINT DAMIEN - "LA LOUISIANE" - GIGONDAS, FRANCE - 2022 [BLACK PLUM, BLACKBERRY, HUCKLEBERRY, ROAST MEAT, GARRIGUE, CRUSHED PEPPERCORN, DRIED TOBACCO, MED+ TANNIN] SAND IN SOUTHERN RHONE IS THAT "OTHER SOIL" TYPE THAT NEVER REALLY GETS THE PRAISE THAT IT SHOULD. THE EYE-CATCHING & PROMINANT GALETS ROULES (ROLLED STONES) ARE TALKED ABOUT ENDLESSLY, BUT REALLY ONLY PLAY IN ONE PART OF THE SOIL EQUATION. THESE ARE OLD VINES OF GRENACHE (85%) & MOURVEDRE (15%).



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SAND IS PROBABLY NOT THE FIRST THING THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT VINEYARDS. SOMMS TALK ENDLESSLY ABOUT LIMESTONE AND GRANITE. WE WAX POETICALLY ABOUT SLATE AND VOLCANIC ROCK. AND WE CONTENTIOUSLY DEBATE THE BENEFIT TO DEFECIT RATIO OF CLAY AND GRAVEL. SAND IS NOT USUALLY A WORD THAT'S SPOKEN MUCH, BUT ITS ROLE IN FORMING COMPLEX SOIL TYPES CANNOT BE OVERSTATED. CALCAREOUS SOIL, ALLUVIUM, LOAM, LOESS, AS WELL AS DECOMPOSED VOLCANIC AND GRANITE SOILS ARE ALL COMPOSED IN PART BY SAND. ITS DEFINITION DOESN'T LIE IN A CHEMICAL COMPOSITION, BUT IN A STATE OF PHYSICALITY. SAND IS A TEXTURE AND SIZE OF PARTICULATE. IT OFFERS QUICK DRAINAGE, RETAINS HEAT WELL, AND IS NUTRIENT POOR. CRUCIALLY, IT IS NOT HOSPITABLE TO PHYLLOXERA. MOST PRE-PHYLLOXERA VINES IN THE WORLD OWE THEIR SUVIVAL TO THE PRESENCE OF SAND.