

# Halos de JUPITER

## Vacqueyras 2019



*Strong and vibrant Taurus inspires this sensual Vacqueyras.*

*Poor soils, minuscule yields of old vine Grenache and about 180 days a year of Mistral bring forth the quintessence of our Mediterranean terroir of garrigue with its spices, sage and juniper.*

### **Vineyard:**

Exclusively from the "Plateau des Garrigues" where the soil is a combination of rolled pebbles and red clay. Very old Grenache (85%) and 35 year old Syrah (15%) make up the varietal blend.

### **Harvest:**

Successive pickings to harvest each bunch at its ideal ripeness. The initial sorting in the vineyard is followed by a second one at the winery.

### **Winemaking:**

The grapes are neither destemmed nor crushed. Fermentation by native yeasts with no addition of SO<sub>2</sub>. Gentle extractions by manual "pigeage" at 28°C (82°F) for about 5 weeks. Grenache and Syrah are blended before malolactic fermentation in *foudre* and then aged in *demi-muid* (600 L) for one year. This wine was neither fined nor filtered before bottling in order to preserve its personality and intensity.

### **Aging:**

Although this wine could be enjoyed young, it will only develop its full character much later. It will keep its freshness for at least 15 years after bottling.

**Production:** 6 600 bottles

### **Distinctions:**

Jeb Dunnuck – (92-94) pts