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DOMAINE DE

L'AMANDINE

AOC CÔTES DU RHÔNE - SÉGURET VILLAGE



THE SEAMLESS INTERWEAVING OF MODERNITY AND TRADITION

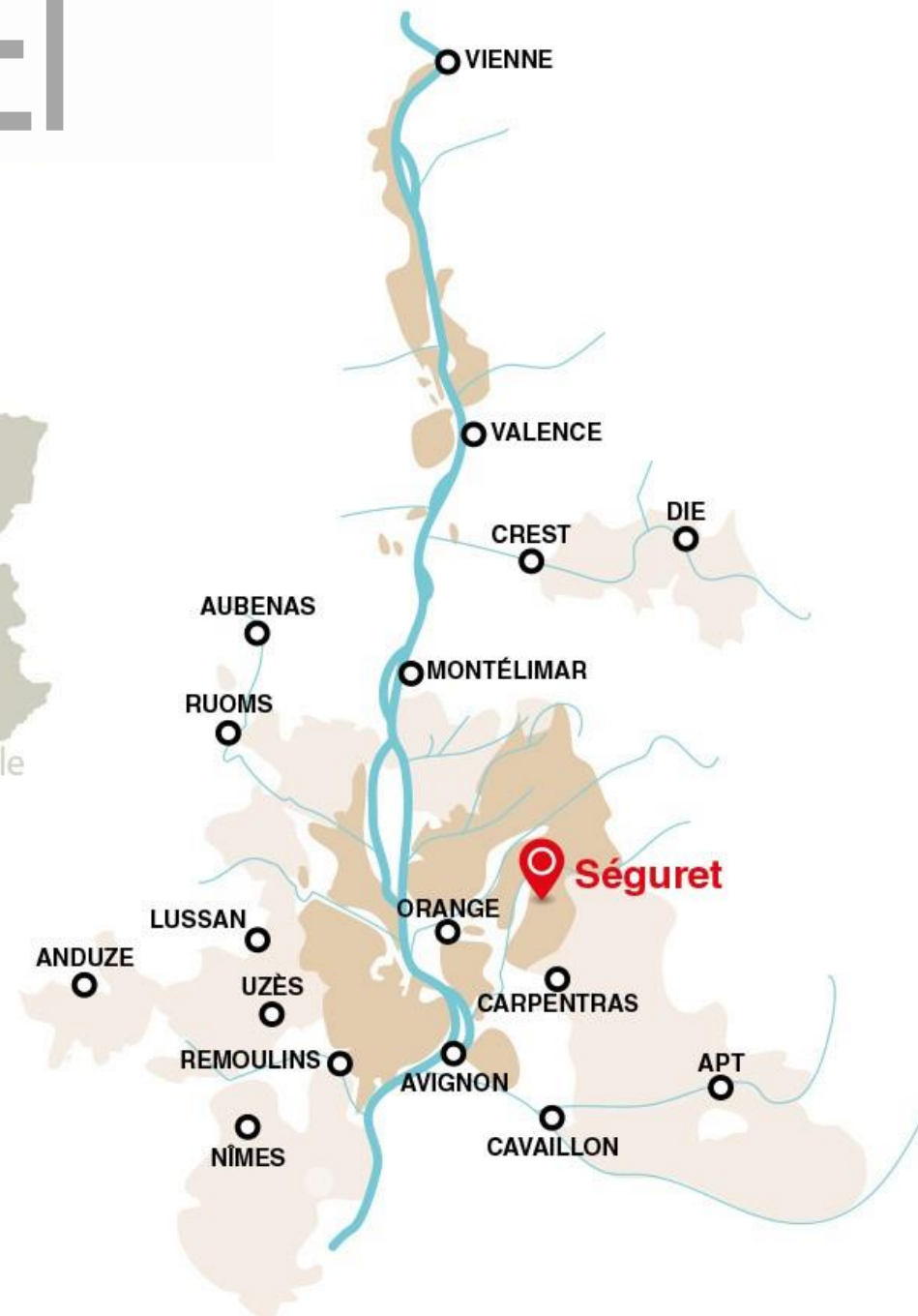
The name of our domain, so dear to my grandfather, was inspired by the hamlet of "les Amandines" within the village of Séguret. This in turn took its name from an ancient almond tree still present on our land. This tree symbolizes not only our deep bond with the terroir, but also the ability of our vines to flourish in harsh climatic conditions such as the intense cold, the Mistral wind or drought.

I am passionate about building upon the endeavour begun by my ancestors. It is my aspiration, going forward, to continue in the same avant-garde spirit of innovation, whilst making my own mark on the domain and its wines.

This is no small challenge for a young woman, but it is one that I embrace every day with commitment and determination.

Mathilde Suter

SÉGURET



GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The domain is situated on the **left bank** of the Rhône, in the Ouvèze valley, a tributary of the Rhône. Near Vaison la Romaine, it is north of the **Dentelles de Montmirail** mountains and close to the famous vineyards of Gigondas and Rasteau. The Séguret appellation stretches from the plains of the valley to the steep slopes, reaching an altitude of over 350m.

AOC SÉGURET

Classified as **one of the most beautiful villages in France**, Séguret's viticultural heritage is steeped in history.

Wine-growing and wine-making in Séguret can be traced right back to Roman times.

In the Middle Ages, the records show that the wines of Séguret were already noteworthy and sought after.

Séguret was also one of the first villages to receive the prestigious "Villages" appellation.

Indeed in **1967** Jean-Pierre Verdeau and his father represented Séguret at the meeting to create the "Côtes du Rhône Villages" appellation. Half a century later, his granddaughter Mathilde was elected co-president of the Syndicate of Séguret winegrowers in **2020**.

A FAMILY AFFAIR



With wine flowing through our veins, the love of the land and passion for our terroir has been passed on faithfully from generation to generation.

1968 : Creation of Domaine de L'Amandine, the first wine domain in Séguret, by Jean-Pierre and Maryse Verdeau.

1980 : The domain acquires a bottling line, one of the first in the Rhône Valley.

2013 : The domain is taken over by Jean Pierre's daughter, Sabine and her husband Alex Suter, originally from South Africa, who fell in love and moved to the region in 1990.

2015 : Mathilde Suter joins the domain after studying viticulture and oenology. The eldest child of Alex and Sabine, and a young mother, she is now, with the help of her parents, following in the footsteps of her ancestors.

OUR VINEYARDS

Our vineyards cover an area of **46 hectares** spread over Séguret and Vaison la Romaine.

The varied topography of the plots allows us to produce elegant, fine wines.

The vines have an average age of 40 years.

The soil of our plots is primarily clay-limestone (less impacted by dryness due to the capacity of clay to retain water). Several plots have sandstone and sandy soils.

Our "La Montagne" plot is covered with limestone pebbles and surrounded by a pine forest and an olive grove, at an altitude of 300 m.



OUR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

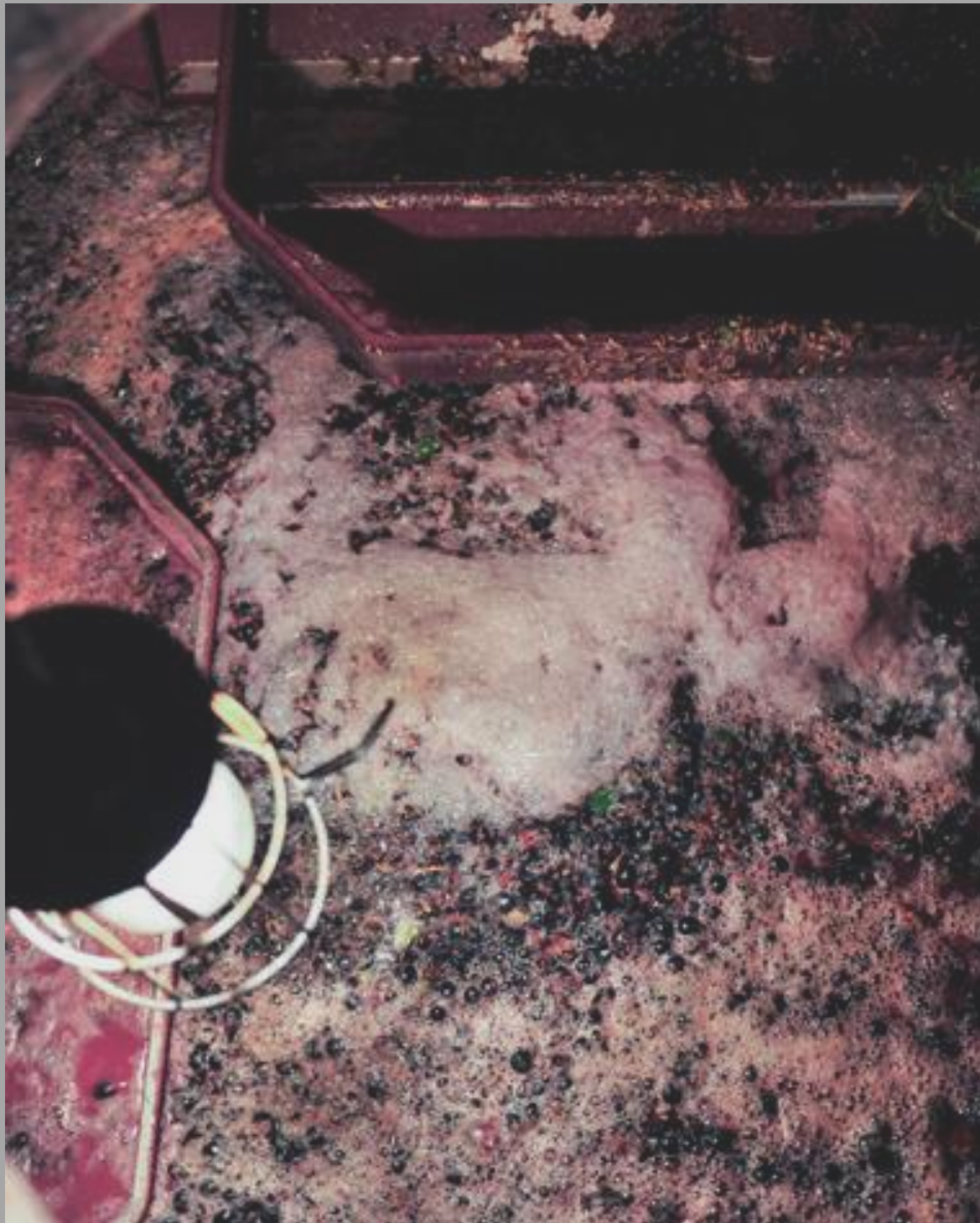


since 2018



since 2020

- In 2018 we obtained the High Environmental Value label and in 2020 we converted to Organic Agriculture.
- We maintain and preserve forests around the plots and support biodiversity with the presence of beehives and olive trees.
- Sabine promotes Provençal culture through cooking classes at the family farmhouse.



VINIFICATION

- Our aim is to let the elegance, finesse and freshness characteristic of our terroir find full expression in our wines.
- Vinification of the reds in concrete vats secures an optimal expression of the fruit. Gentle extraction, with pumping of the juice over the skins twice a day. For our best Syrah grapes and also the "La Montagne" plots, we look for more extraction by punching the skins down daily, whilst careful to maintain good tannin balance in the wine.
- Vinification of our white Séguret (Marsanne and Roussane grape varieties) in acacia wood barrels and stainless steel tanks to add complexity whilst maintaining the optimum balance of fruit and oak.
- Cold clarification for the rosés to extract the primary aromas (thiols) from the skins.

BOTTLING AND SALES

Since 1980, the wine has been bottled on the domain's own bottling line, allowing us to offer a wide variety of **formats and containers**.

Today, much of our wine is exported to the USA, Canada, Singapore, China, Japan and Europe.

The wines can also be purchased directly at the domain and in many restaurants in the region.



What the Critics are saying

*This estate is emerging as **one of the more interesting** producers of Séguret.*

Joe Czerwinski

"TOP VALUE MOST IMPROVED"

An estate on the up.

Matt Walls