



Today, Nathalie Arnaud-Bernard is one of a select band of accomplished female winemakers : she started her professional career 25 years ago after taking a degree in cellular biology and physiology, specialising in microbiology and a DNO (National Diploma in Winemaking).

In a rather male dominated industry, she managed to establish herself as both a woman and a **talented winemaker**.

While she did not initially set out to become a winemaker, she began her career on the international stage, first in **Australia and Moldavia** then developing her career in **Bordeaux**.

During these years **abroad and in France**, through her various professional experiences, Nathalie developed a range of **skills** (technical, commercial, administrative and human) and especially a range of **qualities which would prove invaluable in making great wines**: rigor, perfectionism, perseverance, loyalty ...

It was not too long before Nathalie returned to her first love: **Languedoc** where she arrived in 1998.

In 2011, she joined the Domaine de Nizas team and was appointed Technical Director by John Goelet and Bernard Portet due to her intimate knowledge of the terroirs around Pézenas and her international expertise. Nathalie is **passionately** involved throughout the whole process from growing the grapes to making the wines and she quickly established ways of working which balance **innovation, creativity and authenticity**.

What excites Nathalie is the **immense pallet** offered by the terroirs which gives her the **freedom to create** a range of unique wines!

It's all very well selecting the terroir, but it's even more important to love, cherish and maintain it. Nathalie and Bernard decide to use **sustainable agricultural techniques** and absolute **attention to detail** to create elegant wines while respecting Nature.

Nathalie and her team work passionately to protect their terroirs and maintain the health of the vines and the land. Careful ploughing, planting and mowing grass in the parcels and often daily inspection of the vines encourage **biodiversity of the land** and respect for its flora and fauna.

All these elements contribute to the creation of an elegant collection of wines (*frequently recognised, e.g. 90pts Wine Spectator for our AOP Red 2011, 17pts from Jancis Robinson for our AOP White 2013.*)

We hope that gives you an idea of Nathalie's personal commitment and passion for creating elegant and refined wines from our unique terroirs.

