



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

Château de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet Rouge 2007



PRESENTATION

The 30 hectares of Coudoulet are located just east of the vineyard of Beaucastel on the other side of the A7 motorway. For reasons that have now become obvious, Coudoulet is often considered the baby Beaucastel. The Coudoulet soil has many similarities to that of Beaucastel. It is made out of Molasse seabed covered by diluvial alpine deposits. These pebbles called "Galets Roulés" play a big role: They take in the heat during the day and let it off slowly at night, giving a good start to the vines in the Spring.

THE VINTAGE

A great vintage characterised by very hot days and cool nights. The wines combine great structure and fruit giving perfect balance. The tannins give great ageing potential to this vintage. Big wine to keep in your cellar.

LOCATION

30 hectares in Côtes du Rhône.

TERROIR

Molasse sea bed of the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles), identical to the vineyard of Châteauneuf du Pape.

AGEING

Each variety is harvested manually and separately, then sorted in the cellar. The harvest is heated to 80°C (skins) and then cooled down to 20°C. Classic maceration in cement tanks during 12 days. Pressing in pneumatic presses. Blending of the different varieties after malolactic fermentation. Ageing in Oak Foudres during 6 months.

VARIETALS

Grenache 30%, Mourvèdre 30%, Syrah 20%, Cinsault 20%

SERVING

16°C in tasting glasses.

TASTING

Appearance: bright and lively, with great depth.

Nose: red fruits.

Palate: luscious, with hints of thyme.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

93/100

"Perhaps the finest vintage ever made of Beaucastel's Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet rouge, the 2007 is drinking beautifully, offering lots of black fruits, lavender, licorice, pepper, and spice. It is a full-bodied, opulent red that can be drunk now or cellared for another 10-15 years."

Robert Parker Jr, Wine Advocate, 15/10/2010



Wine Spectator

90/100

"Ripe but well focused, with a beam of fig and ganache running through the middle, while licorice, mulled spice and incense notes fill in the edges. A tarry hint frames the finish. Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah."

Wine Spectator, 28/02/2010



17/20

"Very dark crimson. Spicy and very lively – not as rich and dense as top Châteauneuf-du-Papes, but very spicy and attractive. Dry finish. Not sumptuous, but with integrity and herbal notes. Lots of acidity and quite a bit of toughness. Pretty heady and rich though a bit brutal on the finish but rich, clear and vibrant and exciting!"

Jancis Robinson, 10/12/2008

"Ripe & ready '07, mellowed Mourvèdre Grenache... spicy red & black fruit. Rich, powerful."

@GrapeyWine, Twitter, 29/12/2013

"A wine with a deep robe with a mature nose and a rich and balanced palate. A superb wine from a great vintage. A wine to keep."

Famille Perrin, 15/03/2014

16/20

"Cette belle trame poudrée aux notes de cassis et de fruits rouges très mûrs ne laisse pas indifférent, avec son fruité gouleyant et croquant. La bouche montre une certaine puissance, dans un registre en rétro de violette et de pivoine."

Guide Gault & Millau 2011, 01/09/2010

