



# CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL



## Château de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet Blanc 2005

### THE WINE

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 which gives a good start to the vines in the Spring.

### THE VINTAGE

An exceptional vintage spared by the drought. Traditional agriculture allowed a late harvest with very healthy grapes.

### LOCATION

Within the Côtes du Rhône appellation, adjoining the vines of Château de Beaucastel, between Orange and Avignon. The vineyard of the Coudoulet de Beaucastel Blanc is 3 hectares (6 acres) in size.

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### TERROIR

Miocene marine molasses with a layer of alpine diluvium (rounded pebbles).

### AGEING

Hand picked grapes are collected in baskets prior to sorting, pneumatic pressing and clarification of the must, fermentation partially in oak barrels and partially in steel tanks. For eight months in barrels and steel tanks, before blending and bottling, without cold stabilisation.

### VARIETALS

Bourboulenc 30%, Marsanne 30%, Viognier 30%, Clairette 10%

### SERVING

Serve lightly chilled at 10°C in a fine glass.

### TASTING NOTES

Colour: pale yellow.

Nose: peaches and honey.

Palate: rounded and rich, full bodied with a balanced freshness and floral notes.

### REVIEWS AND AWARDS



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"The 2005 Beaucastel Cotes du Rhone Coudoulet blanc, which is always a blend of equal parts Viognier, Bourboulenc, and Marsanne, has beautiful, crisp orange and nectarine notes, loads of fruit, some good underlying acidity, and a hint of exotic tropical fruit as well. It is elegant, medium-bodied, and pleasant."

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