



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

Château de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet Rouge



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

THE VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage is a vintage of contrasts. That is to say an unusually hot, dry spring followed by a wet and rainy beginning of July and then an Indian summer lasting until the end of October. Carefully sorting and destemming the harvest allowed for a great vintage, particularly for the late harvest varieties.

LOCATION

30 hectares in Côtes du Rhône.

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TERROIR

Molasse seabed 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 occurs in cement tanks for 12 days. Pressing in pneumatic presses. Blending of the different varieties after malolactic fermentation. Ageing in Oak Foudres for 6 months.

VARIETALS

Grenache 40%, Mourvèdre 30%, Syrah 20%, Cinsault 10%

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


Jancis Robinson
jancisrobinson.com

16+ /20

"Very dark crimson. In fact the bluest southern Rhône 2011 to have come my way so far. Quite complex and somehow sharp. Very sweet start and then very firm tannins. Seems much more youthful than some Châteauneufs. Very tight for the moment. Ambitious for a Côtes du Rhône!"

Jancis Robinson, 01/02/2013





91/100

"The 2011 Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet de Beaucastel is another excellent wine from the Perrin Family. Complex and perfumed, with notions of earthy black fruits, licorice and roasted meats, it possesses sweet tannin, medium to full-bodied richness and a great finish. Drink it over the coming 7-8 years."

Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate, 01/10/2013

90/100

"Smooth and ripe with complex flavors of berries, plum and spice; full, lush and juicy; long and balanced. 30% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault."

Anthony Dias, Blue Reviews, 01/10/2013

"...Petit frère (si je puis dire) du Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château de Beaucastel, ce vin rouge de la vallée du Rhône, passablement coloré quoique sans rien d'opaque, a quelque chose d'on ne peut plus alléchant dans ce millésime.

Le bouquet, d'assez bon volume, brille par l'éclat de ses arômes de fruits rouges, alors qu'il s'agit sur le plan gustatif d'un vin de corps moyen, aux tannins aimables, souple et ne manquant pas de finesse"..."

Jacques Benoit, lapresse.ca, 23/06/2014

"Definite step up from the classic Côtes du Rhône. Made with grapes grown in and around Châteauneuf-du-Pape, this shows much greater depth of fruit, finer tannins and appreciable length. This will age as well, but is drinking just fine right now. Serve at 18C. Drink now-2018. Food pairing idea: Filet of pork or roasted chicken."

Montréal Gazette, 03/01/2015

"This wine from esteemed producer Château de Beaucastel delivers on its nickname, "baby Beaucastel." Made with grapes from a vineyard adjoining the estate's great Châteauneuf-du-Pape acreage, it's a terrifically savory red with bright acidity and complex aromas of spice and red fruit."

Lettie Teague, Wallstreet Journal, 09/01/2015

90-92/100

"Youthful purple. Spicy, highly perfumed dark berry and indian spice scents show very good clarity and pick up a smoky nuance with air.

Densely packed but lithe too, with juicy black and blue fruit flavors and a touch of lavender adding lift.

Dusty tannins shape the finish, which clings with impressive tenacity and subtle spiciness. According to Marc Perrin, the vines that provides the fruit for this wine are now over 80 years old."

International Wine Cellar - April 2014

