



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL



Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 1999

PRESENTATION

Château de Beaucastel has long been considered one of the great wines of France. It is unanimously renowned for its balance, elegance and ageing potential. Beaucastel has an extraordinary terroir at the Northern end of the appellation with heavy exposure to the Mistral. All 13 varieties of the appellation have been organically grown here since the sixties.

THE VINTAGE

An exceptional vintage.

A very cold winter, cool harvest period and great conditions until the end.

LOCATION

Châteauneuf du Pape, between Orange and Avignon, Château de Beaucastel red is a 70-hectare vineyard.

TERROIR

Château de Beaucastel is 110 hectares, with one single plot at the north of the appellation. The terroir is archetypal of the best terroirs in Châteauneuf: rolled pebbles on the surface, sand, clay and limestone deeper down. The vines are old and have been organically grown for 50 years, which has allowed the roots to grow exceptionally deep.

Beaucastel grows all thirteen grape varieties authorised by the appellation.

AGEING

Each variety is harvested manually and separately. Vinification is completed in truncated oak barrels for the reductive grapes (Mourvèdre and Syrah) and in traditional tiled cement tanks for the oxidative grapes (such as Grenache). After the malolactic fermentations, the family blends the different varieties and then the wine ages in oak Foudres for a year before being bottled.

VARIETALS

Grenache 30%, Mourvèdre 30%, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Muscardin, Clairette, Picpoul, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Roussanne 15%, Syrah 10%, Counoise 10%, Cinsault 5%

SERVING

15°C and if possible decant before serving.

TASTING

A deep red nearly black colour.

The nose is quite mature with notes of brandy, marc and wet wood.

The mouth gives off notes of under-wood, quite light and slightly un-balanced at this stage but not aggressive and it has a very good length.

This wine must be kept in order to give it time to balance out.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Wine Spectator

90/100

"Like some '99s, it's a bit leaner than the '00s or '98s, but it's well-made, with youthful exuberance of ripe fruit, toasted oak, grilled meat, smoked chestnuts and blood orange, ironlike notes."

Wine Spectator, 31/08/2002





91/100

"The prodigious 1999 Beaucastel boasts aromas of blackberry fruit intermixed with cassis, licorice, roasted meats, leather, and truffles. While it does not possess much fat or precociousness, it displays definition and elegance. This is a full-bodied, concentrated, classic Beaucastel. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2025."

Wine Advocate, 01/12/2001

"A beautiful wine that will improve even more over the next few years."

Château de Beaucastel vertical tasting - Famille Perrin, 03/12/2013

"With a beautiful deep black colour, the 1999 vintage has an intense nose of ripe fruit with animal notes. The palate reveals powerful tannins."

Famille Perrin, 21/09/2016

"The truffle and cigar characters enchant the nose. The attack in mouth reveals all the power of this tense wine: a balance between richness and notes of liquorice.

Decant 2 hours before serving at 16 ° C or to wait, with a very nice potential."

Famille Perrin, 01/10/2017

