



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL



Château de Beaucastel, AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Blanc, 2009

PRESENTATION

The production of white wine at Beaucastel is limited as we only have 7 hectares planted in white vines. The main variety is Roussanne, which represents 80% of the blend.

THE VINTAGE

The 2009 vintage can be described as a wine with good structure and soft tannins. The wine is balanced and has a great acidity despite the high temperatures in August. This wine has characteristics of a great vintage such as 2005 and 2007 with great ageing potential.

LOCATION

Château de Beaucastel has 7 hectares of white varieties.

TERROIR

Molasse sea bed of the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles).

AGEING

Handpicked in small cases, sorting of the grapes, pneumatic pressing, settling of the juice, fermentation (30% in oak barrels, 70% in tanks) for 8 months. Bottling after 8 months.

VARIETALS

Roussanne 80%, Grenache blanc 15%, Picardan, Clairette, Bourboulenc 5%

SERVING

10°C in INAO glasses

TASTING

A beautiful golden yellow colour.

The nose is mineral with notes of white flowers, honey and marmalade.

The mouth is round and rich in yellow fruits (peaches and apricots) followed by notes of salted caramel butter and a slightly salty finish.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

17+/20

"80% Roussanne with small amounts of Grenache Blanc, Picardan, Bourboulenc and Clairette. 20% fermented in small oak barrels. Gently aromatic, a herbal note but nothing in the least herbaceous. Almonds and a delicate note of pear and honey. Full bodied, pears and just-ripe apricots but quite restrained and highly structured at the moment though there is a creamy texture not apparent in the Coudoulet. Really quite a grip but no bitterness of phenolics. Such a baby and yet it is harmonious and the depth is there already and then a stony mineral aftertaste."

Jancis Robinson, 16/10/2010





96/100

"The 2009 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is an amazingly open-knit, full-bodied, honeyed white boasting tons of orange marmalade, quince, white currant and crème brûlée liqueur-like notes, stunning purity and richness, and a fabulous full-bodied, unctuously textured mouthfeel. Its richness is off the charts, and the wine offers a completely contrasting style with the more delineated, zesty 2010."

Wine Advocate, 01/11/2011



92/100

"Light gold. Richer and more pungent than the 2010 version, offering an array of floral, orchard fruit and spice scents and a hint of candied ginger. Fleshy and expansive, with very good depth to its pear, peach and honeydew flavors. A note of iodine adds an exotic touch to the long, sappy finish."

International Wine Cellar



93/100

"A bold, broad style, with gorgeous green fig, pear and melon flavors laced with heather honey and glazed peach notes on the rich finish. Extra persimmon, hazelnut and brioche notes fill in the background, giving added dramatic effect."

Wine Spectator

