



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

Château de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet Rouge 2005



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

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

LOCATION

30 hectares in Côtes du Rhône.

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 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. Bottled after egg white fining.

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

91/100

"The 2005 Beaucastel Coudoulet Cotes du Rhone is another outstanding example of this Cotes du Rhone made essentially across the border from Chateauneuf du Pape. Notes of tapenade, licorice, smoked herbs, and meat juices interwoven with black cherry and darker fruits are followed by an expansive, broadly flavored, full-bodied wine with no hard edges, gorgeous fruit purity, and a long, spicy, heady finish. This is almost the bottled essence of Provence."

Wine Advocate, 01/08/2008



 Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

16,5/20

"Gamey and concentrated. I'm hesitating between accusing this of slight TCA and the old horsey Beaucastel character. Very chewy. Pretty tough end. Anthony Lacey, the importer, assured me he had tasted every bottle so this is obviously the endemic character."

Jancis Robinson

 Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

90-92/100

"The estate reds include the 2005 Coudoulet, which is a high-class Cotes du Rhone offering up notes of black cherries, blackberry, ground pepper, and hints of licorice and seaweed. It is medium to full-bodied, has good acidity for a 2005, and moderate tannin."

Wine Advocate

Wine Spectator

89/100

"This still has some brawny grip, with dark currant, chestnut and briar notes laced with a streak of hot stone. There's a tarry edge on the finish. Tight still. Needs a little more time."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

"A very agreeable expression of colour. This vintage has a structured nose. On the palate it is powerful and balanced with significant freshness; a very attractive style of Chateaneuf-du-Pape with the characteristics of Grenache. Ready to be opened now, preferably in the cold weather to pair with a winter dish or to cellar."

Famille Perrin, 15/03/2014

