



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL

Château de Beaucastel Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet Rouge 2009



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 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

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 in cement tanks during 12 days. Pressing in pneumatic presses. Blending of the different varietals after malolactic fermentation. Ageing in Oak Foudres during 6 months.

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

"Château de Beaucastel 2009 Coudoulet de Beaucastel. There's a lot of complexity in this marriage of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre, the latter grape and its tannin making the wine capable of aging for a decade. The taste is of red fruits – cherries, plums, wild strawberries, with a spicy herbaceous background."

The Waterloo Record, 28/10/2011

"Although there are few vintages listed on the museum's wine list (see text for details), the 2009 would be the year to enjoy. This richly flavored, spicy red is made by the great Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate Château Beaucastel."

Lettie Teague, Wall Street Journal, 04/11/2011



90/100

"In total contrast, the 2009 Côtes du Rhône Coudoulet red represents the essence of Provence in its notes of ground pepper, new saddle leather, lavender, kirsch, garrigue, and abundant red and black fruits. This complex, evolved, luscious red begs for a bloody grilled steak. With a creamy, medium to full-bodied texture, this gorgeous, complex, evolved wine should be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years."

Wine Advocate, 01/11/2010

"Considered one of the best in the Côtes du Rhône, this wine has the imprint of the Perrin Family who makes Beaucastel Châteauneuf du Pape. It is a blend of mourvedre, grenache, cinsault and syrah. It has a full body with superb balance and focused raspberry and blackberry fruit with a touch of black pepper. Complex and unfiltered, it will improve in age."

Gaston Gazette, 21/02/2012

90/100

"Smooth and silky with juicy black raspberry, cassis and notes of pepper, earth and lavender; generous, long and charming; mourvèdre, grenache, syrah, cinsault."

Anthony Dias, Blue Reviews, 24/01/2012



90/100

"This dark and alluring red delivers nicely layered cherry preserves and blackberry cobbler notes, backed by black licorice snap and smoldering tobacco flavors on the lengthy finish. More polished and forward than usual. Mourvèdre, grenache, syrah, and cinsault."

Wine Spectator, 29/02/2012

90-92/100

"Vivid ruby. High-pitched aromas of red fruits, rose, lavender and Asian spices. Juicy and focused on entry, then deeper and broader across the mid-palate, displaying intense black raspberry and cherry compote flavors. Shows impressive energy on the spicy finish, which features a sexy floral quality."

Josh Reynolds, 23/05/2012



91/100

"Beaucastel's Côtes du Rhône is like a mini Châteauneuf-du-Pape in its blend of grapes and its sourcing, just outside that famous appellation. The 2009 is a very successful and flattering Coudoulet, with scents of garrigue and cherry followed by a platane that's round and lush without being at all heavy. Long and velvety on the finish."

Wine Enthusiast, 01/07/2012

90/100

"A beautiful Côtes du Rhône, the 2009 Coudoulet de Beaucastel, coming from vineyards that border the northern edge of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC, possesses an inky, opaque purple color to go with deep, brilliantly ripe aromas of blackberry liqueur, crème de cassis, spice, ground pepper, flowers, and sappy garrigue. Surprisingly voluptuous and rounded on the palate, yet with fantastic concentration, excellent purity, and a dense, layered mouth feel, this medium to full-bodied beauty will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age, and have a decade of prime drinking."

The Rhône Report





91/100

"Full ruby. Intense, smoke- and spice-accented aromas of dark berries and cherry, along with powerful licorice and floral qualities. Broad, deeply pitched blackberry and cherry compote flavors stain the palate, showing surprising vivacity. Finishes with slow-mounting tannins and impressive persistence, leaving a licorice note behind."
Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, 01/06/2012



17/20

"30% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault. Lovely pure fruit – smells almost New World (at its best). Ripe but very well structured and still fluid. Dry long finish and very moreish."
Jancis Robinson

