



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL



Château de Beaucastel Blanc Roussanne Vieilles Vignes 2011

PRESENTATION

Considered as one of the greatest white wines in France, only 6000 bottles of this wine are produced. It's made with 100% very old Roussanne vines and harvested slightly over ripe. This exceptional wine must be drunk within 3 years or after 15 years. To be enjoyed with gastronomic cuisine.

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

Château de Beaucastel has 7 hectares planted with white varieties.

TERROIR

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

AGEING

The grapes are hand picked in small cases and sorted, pneumatically pressed. Settling of the juices and fermentation (30% in oak, 70% tanks). Bottled after 8 months.

VARIETAL

Roussanne 100%

SERVING

14°C in tasting glasses.

TASTING

Beautiful golden color.

The nose is slightly woody with an explosion of honey, peaches, exotic fruit and an exceptional richness and intensity.

The mouth has a remarkable texture, thick but fresh. We find notes of white flowers and honeysuckle, lavender, honey and orange zest. The balance is perfect especially with the minerality, coming from the limestone, which gives this wine a great texture. A great vintage of Roussanne Vieilles Vignes.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Wine Spectator

96/100

"Dense, with creamy layers of pear, apple, green plum and acacia honey all carried by well-embedded acidity. The long finish lets salted butter, chamomile and macadamia nut flavors unfurl nicely, but there's still plenty in reserve for cellaring."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 31/10/2012





98/100

"The Beaucastel 2011 Roussanne Vieilles Vignes is another remarkable wine. Think of it as the 2010 with more minerality and precision. It has astonishing richness and length as well as massive body with great acidity."

Wine Advocate, 01/10/2012

"Doré intense, le reflet vert, le nez se confit de nêfle, citron et d'amande. La bouche semble n'être que rondeur, c'est sans compter sur l'amertume racée de la réglisse, le souffle iodé qui semble surgir d'un lointain passé, sur l'acidité de l'agrumes, rondeur de miel, acacia et oranger, fleur de tilleul et accents de vanille. Laurent Deconninck nous y associe une queue de homard charnue et nerveuse, délicatement ointe d'argan, relevé d'un soupçon de gingembre et de piment thaï, on croit rêver..."

In Vino Veritas



98/100

"The Châteauneuf-du-Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes, from 100% old vine Roussanne, is the Montrachet of southern France. The 2011 is sensational, a wine of great complexity, intensity and full-bodied power. Lots of rose petal, marmalade, honeysuckle, candle wax, tangerine and orange rind notes make up this fabulously rich, intense wine that just blows me away every time i taste it in its youth. Whether it ages well or not is always debatable, but i would certainly drink it over the next 4-5 years, given the fact that it is so remarkable already."

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate



17/20

"This is the famous all-Roussanne cuvée. It seemed scented, quite oaky, rich, very full bodied and had markedly low acidity. I persuaded myself it was a Viognier, possibly from outside Europe. A particularly blustering Yalumba perhaps?"

Jancis Robinson, Jancis Robinson, 21/02/2013

18/20

"La robe jaune or est brillante. L'olfaction est intense et très séduisante, avec des arômes de pêches (chair et noyaux), d'oranges, de citron, d'amande amère, d'herbes aromatiques (dont le romarin) d'épices douces (gingembre), et des notes de miel d'acacia. L'attaque est haute, d'une pure et délicieuse douceur tactile, le vin prend de l'ampleur et du volume (encore plus accentués le lendemain), dans un admirable corps charnu agrémenté de fruits intenses, finement épicés. La finale est longue, autoritaire, pure, précise, très harmonieuse (très bonne fraîcheur), intense et complexe dans son expression aromatique, avec de très légers amers (peaux de fruits et noyaux), très saline dans son ultime sensation."

Daniel Sériot, Paper Blog, 28/10/2014



94/100

"Extravagant is the word for this wine, from its sweet oral scents to its saturated texture. A blend of 80 percent roussanne and twenty percent grenache blanc fermented in tank, it's like an eternal well of flavor, juicy, oral, herbal and spicy. The acidity rides through the flavors like an electric current, invisibly energizing the wine, and promising to hold it strong while it mellows in the cellar. It is delicious now for a celebratory meal, but should be even more compelling in another six to twelve years, when the minerality has had more time to assert its presence."

Wine & Spirits, 00/00/2014

