



Clos des Papes

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Clos des Papes is one of the great established names of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and in recent years has produced a succession of remarkable wines made by Paul-Vincent Avril.

For the red Châteauneuf, Clos des Papes uses up to 20% of Mourvedre in the blend. Grenache and Syrah are the other main components at around 50% and 10% respectively, with the balance being a mix of all the other permitted varieties. Clos des Papes is one of the few estates to use all permitted varieties for both red and white Châteauneuf. They are well-known for producing one of the most authentic and long-lived examples of the appellation having started estate bottling in 1896. The white Châteauneuf-du-Pape also ages extremely well providing great drinking pleasure for 20 years or more.

The property has today 32 ha. 3 ha. is with white varieties. 24 different parcels are spread around the town. A parcel is nearby the pope's castle and has been surrounded by walls (clos). From here came the name of the domain.

Producer of the Year 2010 Paul –Vincent Avril CLOS DES PAPES

Le Grand Guide des Vins de France 2010—Bettane & Desseauve

2008 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge - Due July 2010

“Made from some of the smallest yields ever (16 hectoliters per hectare), with 14.7% alcohol, the 2008 should turn out to be a very good, elegant effort vaguely reminiscent of their 1999. It exhibits a deep ruby color as well as abundant black cherry fruit intermixed with notions of licorice, herbs, and earth, medium body, and good purity, depth, and ripeness. It should drink well at a young age, an anomaly for Clos des Papes, and keep for 10-12 years.”

89-92pts Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate #185 October 2009

2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc - VERY LIMITED

“The 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, which includes equal percentages of all six authorized white varietals, exhibits notes of licorice, poached pears, honeysuckle, and citrus. Deep and full-bodied with good acidity as well as surprising length and richness, it is one of the top whites of the appellation.”

91pts Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate #179 October 2008

“Very pure and stony, with a note of grapefruit zest around the edges of the blanched almond, honeysuckle, Jonagold apple and heather flavors. The long, super mineral finish is amazingly pure and refined, with plenty in reserve. Equal parts of all five white varieties, this sees no new oak.”

95pts Wine Spectator August 2008

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc - VERY LIMITED

“One of the best white wines of the appellation is made at Clos des Papes, the non-malolactic yet full-bodied and powerful 2004 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf du Pape blanc. Notes of white peaches, pears, citrus oil, and honeysuckle are present in the medium to full-bodied, fleshy 2004. It shows good acidity and a lively, vibrant mouthfeel. Drink it over the next 4-5 years, although some vintages have an amazing ability to last much longer.” **Robert Parker Feb 2006**

