

CÔTES DU RHÔNE
Appellation d'Origine Protégée



VARIETY

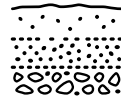
Grenache, Syrah,
Mourvèdre,
Carignan, Cinsault.



VINES

Slopes and terraces at
an altitude of 250
meters in the Visan
hills in the Enclave
des Papes.

Organic growing



SOIL

Clay with limestone
gravel and sandy
ochres.



FERMENTATION

Destemmed grapes,
fermentation with no
added sulfur, cold
pre-maceration,
gentle and slow
cocotte extraction.



AGING

Concrete tanks.

JSI WINE RATINGS

90 2021

"You can't fault the full ripe cherry fruit of this well-crafted Côtes du Rhône. Generous and juicy with nice soft tannins, it has the warmth and harmony we look for in the wines of this appellation, but with no trace of heaviness. Nice length. Drink now."



LES PORTES DU CASTELAS

RED
750 ML

A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

Imagine vines on a sharp slope, where even weeds won't venture, where pebbles tumble fast and hard, and vines struggle to cling to rocks. Now imagine terraces surrounded by woods rooted in soft and warm clay, where lush vines stretch up towards the sky with leaves spread wide. Finally, imagine birds, deer, hares, pheasants, colorful lizards, and bats by the dozen. You are in Visan. At the exact spot where Portes du Castelas is born. **All this nature, wild, abundant, impetuous, is captured in this vintage.**

Grenache, Syrah, Carignan, Mourvèdre, and Cinsault are harvested only when perfectly ripe. The cooler climate of this terroir at an altitude of 250 meters yields smaller grapes, dense, sweet yet tart, extremely colorful, and rich in tannins. **The winemaking process is simple, fuss-free: no sulfur, cold skin maceration before fermentation, then long cocotte maceration.** Next comes 18 months of aging in concrete tanks to refine all the elements and usher them into a harmonious blend.

The idea is to get the very best out of the fruit: notes of raspberry, strawberry, and blackcurrant accompanied by hints of spice and menthol, with very mellow, cocooned tannins and a supple and compelling mouthfeel, at once fresh and radiant. **This is a wine that can be enjoyed young, but it also has great aging potential.**

A showstopper for everyday gourmets who take the time to savor life slowly and enjoy every moment to the fullest.

ROMAIN LEROY





*“Let the moment come
when hearts love as one”*

Arthur Rimbaud - Song From the Highest Tower