

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.

JS WINE  
RATINGS

« You can't fault the full ripe cherry fruit of this well-crafted Cotes-du-Rhone. 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 ».

JS WINE  
RATINGS

90 2022

« On the medium- to full-bodied palate there's plenty of earthy depth and some dried herb character ».



GOLD MEDAL  
2023

LES PORTES DU CASTELAS  
RED  
750 &  
1500 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