

## 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.



« 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 ».



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

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a unique, abstract shape.





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

Arthur Rimbaud - Song From the Highest Tower