

CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL





Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 1995

THE VINTAGE

An exceptional vintage. A very hot and dry summer, with good weather conditions until the end of the harvest

DESCRIPTION

Château de Beaucastel has long been considered one of the great wines of France. It is unanimously renowned for its balance, elegance and ageing potential. Beaucastel has an extraordinary terroir at the Northern end of the appellation with heavy exposure to the Mistral. All 13 varieties of the appellation have been organically grown here since the sixties.

SITUATION

Châteauneuf du Pape, between Orange and Avignon, Château de Beaucastel red is a 70-hectare vineyard.

TERROIR

Château de Beaucastel is 110 hectares, with one single plot at the north of the appellation. The terroir is archetypal of the best terroirs in Châteauneuf: rolled pebbles on the surface, sand, clay and limestone deeper down. The vines are old and have been organically grown for 50 years, which has allowed the roots to grow exceptionally deep.

Beaucastel grows all thirteen grape varieties authorised by the appellation.

PROCESS

Each variety is harvested manually separately. Vinification is completed in truncated oak barrels for the reductive grapes (Mourvèdre and Syrah) and in traditional tiled cement tanks for the oxidative grapes (such as Grenache). After the malolactic fermentations, the Perrin family blends the different varieties and then the wine ages in oak Foudres for a year before being bottled.

VARIETALS

Grenache 30%, Mourvèdre 30%, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Muscardin, Clairette, Picpoul, Picardan, Bourboulenc, Roussanne 15%, Syrah 10%, Counoise 10%, Cinsault 5%

TASTING NOTES

Tile-red in colour. A deep nose of wood and musc. The mouth is fruity and the tannins are dominant but still a bit dry.

To keep for another 3 to 4 years.

SERVING

 $15\,^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$ and if possible decant before serving.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

95/100

Wine Spectator "Very youthful, with a ripe core of red currant and raspberry fruit and licorice flavor surrounded by creamy tannins. Plenty of smoke, mineral and tobacco notes chiming in, but this still has a ways to go, with plenty of grip still on the finish.--1995 Châteauneuf-du-Pape retrospective. Drink now through 2025. 20,000 cases made."

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Wine Spectator, 31/03/2006

"This wine has strong tannins. Therefore we suggest waiting a few more years before opening. Decant a few hours before if you decide to open now. Stand the bottle upright 48 hours before serving to avoid any deposit." Château de Beaucastel vertical tasting - Famille Perrin, 03/12/2013

"A nose on notes of leather and prunes.

A beautiful freshness on the palate supported by expressive but elegant tannins that are similar to the northern Rhone. Decant before drinking." Famille Perrin, 02/05/2015

"This vintage signs a great year. The colour reveals a beautiful deep red, the nose is full of freshness with notes of noble leather and mature cheese. The palate is very fruity, with good acidity." Famille Perrin, 21/09/2016

"A nose with delicate notes of mint, an aromatic mouth and full of promises. A wine to wait for." Famille Perrin, 01/10/2017



