



LE CLOS DU CAILLOU

Côtes du Rhône Rouge

Vieilles Vignes Cuvée Unique 2017

Wines from Le Clos du Caillou are Rhône blends at their most intense. Concentrated and richly textured, these organically raised wines capture the spice of older-vine Grenache as grown on the region's finest terroirs. The estate in Courthézon, in the northeastern part of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, boasts a mix of terroirs with a predominance of sand, which gives Caillou wines their silky elegance and fine-grained texture. The estate has been practicing biodynamic viticulture since 2003, and was certified organic in 2010. Caillou's devotion to the character of the land (through bottling wines according to terroir) and its dedication to natural viticulture has only intensified over the years; this is what makes Caillou one of the leading estates in the southern Rhône.



WINERY: Le Clos du Caillou

WINEMAKER: Bruno Gaspard

ESTABLISHED: 1956

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Courthézon

APPELLATION: Côtes du Rhône AOC

BLEND: 82% Grenache and 18% Syrah

VINEYARDS: A mix of vineyards that share similar terroir to classic Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards: large, round quartz river stones (galets roulés), clay and sand

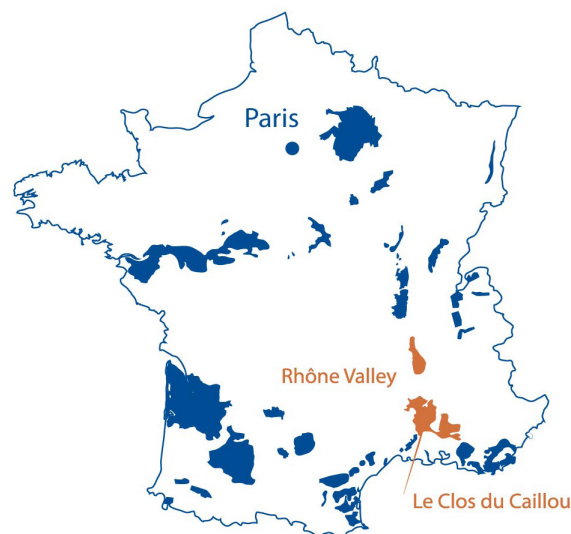
AGE OF VINES: 45 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in temperature-controlled, stainless steel tanks. Aged for 16 months in 50% upright wooden tanks and 50% older foudre (52HL). Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of garrigue (wild thyme, lavender and rosemary). Flavors of raspberry and black cherry.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak, game meat (duck especially), lamb

NOTES: This special red blend ('Cuvée Unique') is an exclusive selection of North Berkeley, assembled with the help of winemaker Bruno Gaspard.



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