

CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 'Le Petit Mont'

The family estate of Clos du Mont-Olivet is the collector's choice for traditional, aromatic and age-worthy southern Rhône blends. This multigenerational estate was one of the first wineries North Berkeley Imports partnered with in the south of France more than 25 years ago; since then, the estate has come to symbolize both what we seek out in winemaker-partners and importantly, what we hold true and dear in great wine. Always elegant, aromatic and long-lived, these wines reflect not only the rich character of southern Rhône terroir but also the subtle, spicy personalities of the region's native grapes. Clos du Mont-Olivet is "one of the great estates of Châteauneuf-du-Pape," says the Wine Advocate.

WINERY: Clos du Mont-Olivet WINEMAKER: Thierry Sabon

ESTABLISHED: 1932

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Châteauneuf-du-Pape

APPELLATION: Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC **BLEND:** 95% Grenache and 5% Syrah

VINEYARDS: A special selection of fruit from estate Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards that deliver a fresher, fruitier wine to enjoy when young. Lieu-dits 'Montalivet' and 'Les Blachières' are located due east of the village. Soils combine sand, clay and alluvial debris.

AGE OF VINES: 30-40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged 80% in older foudre and 20% in older barrels. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of baking spices, red cherries, summer berries. Tangy and pure; flavors of raspberries, tart cherries.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Roasted pork with fresh herbs; duck breast with

cherry sauce

