

CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET Côtes du Rhône Rouge

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: Côtes du Rhône AOC **BLEND:** 60% Syrah and 40% Grenache

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located north of Bollène, at the border of the Vaucluse department and Drôme Provençale. Soils here are mostly alluvial and temperatures cooler, resulting in a more "northern" style of

Côtes du Rhône.

AGE OF VINES: 20-40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged also in tank. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black cherries and blackberries, black pepper. Smooth tannins, bright acidity; flavors of raspberries and cherries.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Hamburgers with grilled mushrooms; pork

sausages

