

## **CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET** Côtes du Rhône Rouge 'À Seraphin'

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 winemakerpartners 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: 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 10% Carignan

**VINEYARDS:** Syrah comes from lieu-dit 'Montueil,' a cool, higher-altitude plot surrounded by trees. Grenache hails from 'Serre de Catin' and 'La Levade,' both warmer sites. Estate vineyards are located north of Bollène, the border of the Vaucluse department and Drôme Provençale.

AGE OF VINES: 20-40 years

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

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of wildflowers, black cherries, sweet licorice. Smooth and plush; flavors of red cherries, blueberries.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled porkbelly with five-spice; lamb sausages

(merguez or other spiced mixes)

