



CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET

Lirac Rouge 'Marie Jausset' 2018

The family estate of Clos du Mont-Olivet is the collector's choice for traditional, aromatic and age-worthy southern Rhône blends. This multi-generational 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: Lirac AOC

BLEND: 50% Cinsault, 40% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located on the "rive droite" of Rhône river, due west of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, near the villages of Saint-Laurent des Arbres and Saint-Genies-de-Comolas. A selection from three parcels, 'Les Cosses,' 'Caveyrac' and 'Montcau.' The plots are rich in sand with veins of red silica, and some 'galets roulés,' or large quartz stones.

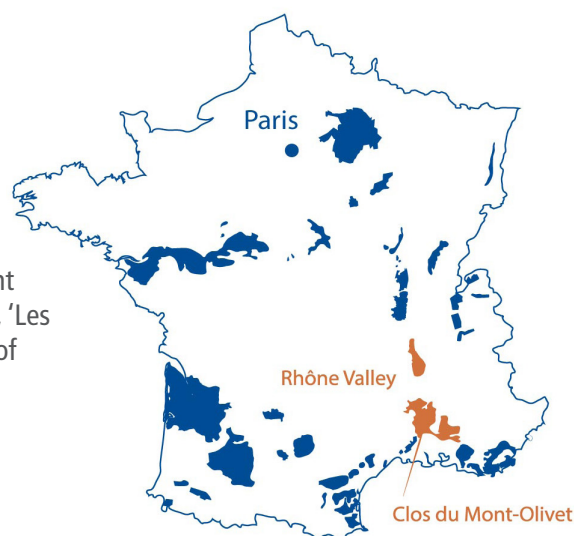
AGE OF VINES: 20-30 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested, a strict selection of only the finest, healthiest fruit. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tanks. Aged 85% in stainless steel tank and 15% in older French oak barrels. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black cherry, red plum, raspberry, baking spice, wild herbs. Medium-bodied, suave tannins, profound.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled pork sausages; red meat

NOTES: 'Marie Jausset' was winemaker Thierry Sabon's great-grandmother, who inherited vines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape; these vineyards later provided the seed for the creation of the family winemaking estate.



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