



CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET

Vin de Pays du Gard 'La Quête' 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: Vin de Pays du Gard

BLEND: 100% Cinsaut

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards are located on the "rive droite" (right bank) of the Rhône river, due west of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, near the village of Saint-Laurent des Arbres, from a lieu-dit called 'Le Plan Sud.' Soils are sandy.

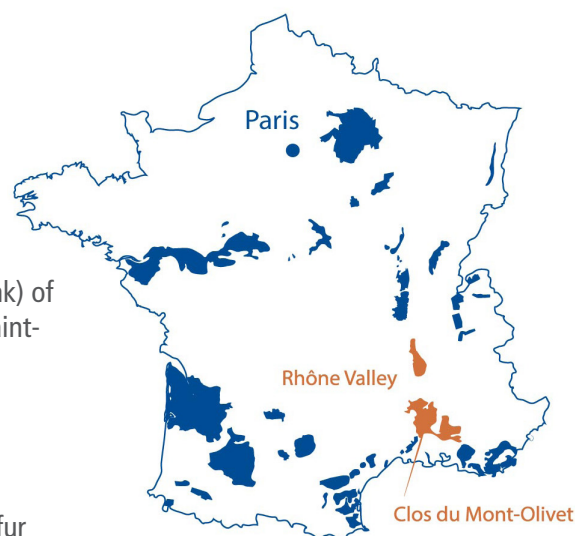
AGE OF VINES: 50-60 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Whole-cluster fermentation (semi-carbonic) on indigenous yeasts in cement tanks. Aged for six months in stainless steel tank, and then eight months in older barrels. Minimal sulfur added. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of purple flowers, red cherry, raspberry, light tea, some licorice. Tannins present but smooth; mineral notes.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled pork sausages with herbs; lamb burgers; smoked meats

NOTES: 'La Quête' means "quest" in French



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