



LE CLOS DU CAILLOU

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

'Les Safres' 2022

Wines from Le Clos du Caillou are Rhône blends at their most intense. Concentrated and richly textured, these organically raised wines capture the spice of older-vine Grenache as grown on the region's finest terroirs. The estate in Courthézon, in the northeastern part of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, boasts a mix of terroirs with a predominance of sand, which gives Caillou wines their silky elegance and fine-grained texture. The estate has been practicing biodynamic viticulture since 2003, and was certified organic in 2010. Caillou's devotion to the character of the land (through bottling wines according to terroir) and its dedication to natural viticulture has only intensified over the years; this is what makes Caillou one of the leading estates in the southern Rhône.



WINERY: Le Clos du Caillou

WINEMAKER: Bruno Gaspard

ESTABLISHED: 1956

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Courthézon

APPELLATION: Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC

BLEND: 40% Grenache blanc, 30% Roussanne and 30% Clairette

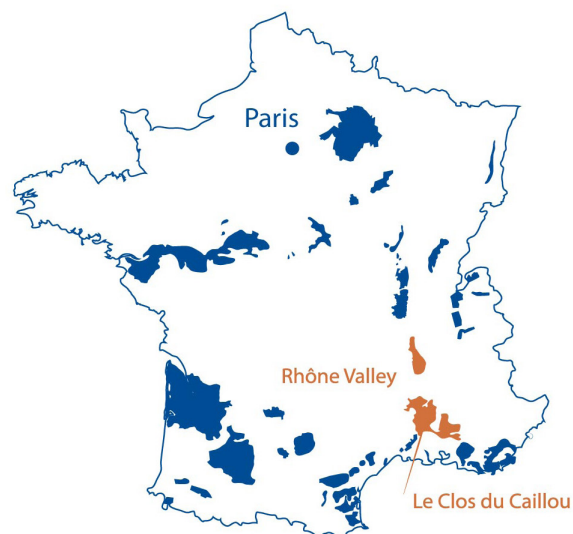
VINEYARDS: Sourced from estate lieu-dit 'Les Bedines,' with "safres" or compacted sandy soils.

AGE OF VINES: 40 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Pressed full cluster, with juice settling overnight at low temperatures. Fermented on indigenous yeasts in older French oak barrels (from five to 15 years old). Aged in barrel for four months. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of white fruits, apples and pears, with notes of ripe peach, seared pineapple and hints of licorice. Full and juicy yet balanced, with notes of honey, ripe white fruit and lavender.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Fresh crab or lobster; pâté de foie gras; truffled dishes (such as risotto)



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