



LE CLOS DU CAILLOU

Côtes du Rhône Rouge

'Les Quartz' 2023

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 organic 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: Côtes du Rhône AOC

BLEND: 80% Grenache, 20% Syrah

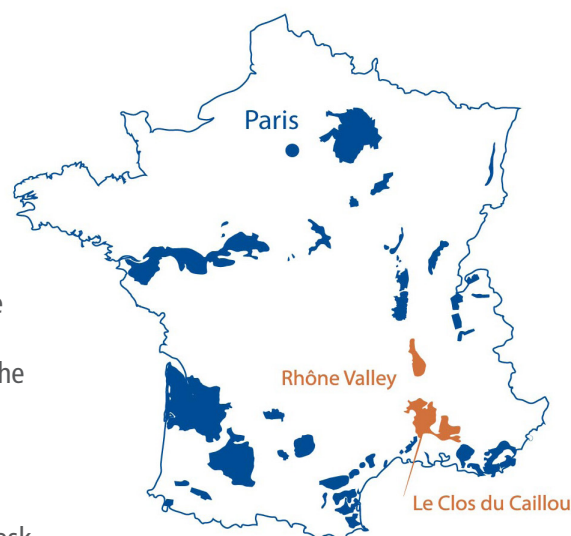
VINEYARDS: A mix of estate vineyards within the estate's "clos" or stone walls, with large quartz stones (galets roulés) on the surface and sandy subsoils. This terroir is similar to 'Les Cassanets,' the lieu-dit from which the estate makes its Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 'Les Quartz.'

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tanks. Aged in wood tank, older oak barrels and large cask for 14 months. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of black cherry, raspberry, with clear notes of crushed stone and graphite. Juicy and textured, mouth-coating; flavors of black cherry, black plum, licorice, cocoa nibs.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled pork sausages with herbs; roasted lamb; ribs with smoky chipotle glaze



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