



## CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2007

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:** Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC

**BLEND:** 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah and 6% Mourvèdre, 4% others (Cinsault, Counoise, Vaccaresse, Terret Noir, Picpoul Noir, Muscardin)

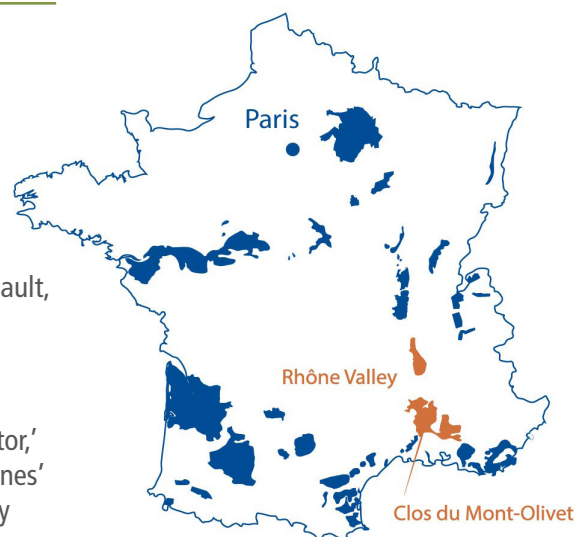
**VINEYARDS:** Estate vineyards represent a perfect cross-section of Châteauneuf terroir, unique in its complexity and variety. The lieu-dits 'Montalivet,' 'La Crau,' 'Blachieres,' 'Coste Froide,' 'Bois Seneseau,' 'Palestor,' 'Bois Dauphin,' 'Pied de Baud,' 'Les Bosquets,' 'Les Parrans' and 'Les Marines' are found in the north/northeast of the appellation. Soils range from clay and sand to alluvial gravel and 'galets roulés,' the large quartz stones characteristic of Rhône Valley vineyards.

**AGE OF VINES:** 30-40 years, on average

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

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of blackberry, red cherry and baking spices. Smooth, concentrated yet balanced; flavors of tart cherries, red plums and light licorice. Very long.

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Grilled steak; lamb roasted with prunes; olive tapenade



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