

CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET Côtes du Rhône Rouge Vieilles Vignes 2020

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

BLEND: 65% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, 5% Carignan

VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards near the commune of Orange (north of Châteauneuf-du-Pape) from lieu-dit 'Sainte Cardille,' and from Saint Laurent des Arbres in Lirac (west across the river from Châteauneuf), from lieu-dits 'Gissac' and 'Le Clau.' Soils are sandy, rich in quartz.

AGE OF VINES: 40-70 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged 75% in cement tank, 15% in older foudre, 5% in acacia wood barrel and 5% in older French oak barrel. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of garrigue, cherries and blackberries, light incense. Moderate tannins, mouth-filling. Flavors of raspberries, black cherries. Long finish.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled lamb with herbs; roasted chicken with black olive tapenade



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