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Chateau Mont-Redon

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Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Château Mont-Redon will be familiar to those who know and love Châteauneuf-du-Pape being well recognized as the owners of some of the most highly regarded vineyard sites in the appellation. The superb quality of its vineyards has been recognized throughout history and prior to the adaptation of the appellation controlee system it was one of the few “Grand cru’s” in the region (together with Chateau Rayas).

With almost 100 hectares under vine, the majority of Mont-Redon’s vineyards are located in the appellations most favoured area, the high plateau which is covered in the large round pudding stones that Châteauneuf is so well known for. This remarkable property is in fact a single vineyard.

There has been considerable investment at Mont-Redon over the past twelve years. The entire winery has been completely renewed and is now climate controlled. Rows of oak barriques have replaced the old large foudres of yester-year, and large temperature controlled stainless steel vats now line the walls, resulting in wines of freshness and finesse in both red and white wines. More recently optical sorting machines at harvest time have resulted in wines of great precision. Mont-Redon is a candidate for the most improved producer and the best value producer of the Southern Rhone.



“This well-known, large Chateauneuf du Pape estate has produced some of the greatest Chateauneuf du Papes I have ever tasted.” Robert Parker Oct. ‘11



2011 Reserve Mont-Redon Cotes du Rhone blanc

STELVIN CLOSURE

A blend of 70% Grenache blanc, 20% Clairette and 10% Viognier this wine is perfumed and fresh with texture and charm in abundance.

2014 Reserve Mont-Redon Cotes du Rhone rouge

STELVIN CLOSURE

A blend of 70% Grenache, 30% Syrah this wine has all the perfume and fleshy generosity of fully ripe Grenache fruit with a solid backing of Syrah with freshness and finesse of tannins and that faint hint of provence herbs that makes southern Rhone reds, and Mont-Redon, so popular.

2012 Lirac rouge

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 10% Mourvedre aged 2/3rds in tank and 1/3rd in barrel. “Kirsch, ground pepper, leather and garrigue all flow to a mid-weight 2012 that’s perfect for drinking over the coming 3-4 years.” The Wine Advocate Oct. ‘14

2013 Chateauneuf-du-Pape blanc

750ml (2014 available in 375ml)

55% Grenache blanc, 20% Clairette, 10% Roussanne, 10% Bourboulenc and 5% Picpoul fermented cool and kept on lees for 5 month, no malolactic.

Note for 2010 vintage “Mont Redon has long made one of the best white Chateauneuf du Papes and the 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc is a beauty. Crisp, fresh notes of white peaches, apricots, honeysuckle and quince are present in this lush, pure, minerally, full-bodied, dry white. 90” Robert Parker The Wine Advocate Oct. ‘11

2013 Chateauneuf-du-Pape rouge

750ml, 375ml + 1500ml

“Bright ruby. Mineral-accented raspberry, cherry and floral pastille aromas are complicated by subtle garrigue and spice qualities. Seamless, focused and sweet on the palate, offering potent red berry preserve and floral pastille flavors sharpened and lifted by juicy acidity. Finishes impressively long and precise, featuring slow-building tannins and resonating floral and spice notes. 92” Vinous Media April ‘16

2012 Chateauneuf-du-Pape rouge

750ml, 375ml

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 8% Mourvedre and 2% Cinsault, Counoise, Muscardin and Vaccarese aged half in Barrique and half in vats.

“The bouquet is wide – airs of roast beef, a plunge of black berry, a nose sourced from sunny lands, has a solid, ripe centre, some oaking. The palate gives a good, constant flow of black cherry in a lightly peppered, oaked flavour. Proper, good depth, serious Châteauneuf that holds good quality fruit and well-handled content around it. There is definite tongue tasting cherry fruit, a succulent heart; good potential. It finishes on tasty black cherry fruit, no excess power, all in order. 14.5.” drinkrhone.com Nov. ‘13

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all 750ml sold out - small quantities of some 1500ml + 3000ml are available

2007 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 2007 Mont-Redon Châteauneuf du Pape weighs in at a very civilized 14.3 percent alcohol, which in this region is tantamount to water! This is going to be a legendary vintage for the Mont-Redon rouge, but it is going to need all of a decade in the cellar to start to blossom. The bouquet is deep, complex and very pure, as it offers up a powerful mélange of black cherries, raspberries, lavender, pepper, stony soil tones, sandalwood, a gentle touch of meatiness and a spicy topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with lovely purity and focus, fine, ripe tannins and superb length and grip on the well-balanced and still very primary finish. Mont-Redon is sometimes criticized for a lack of true Châteauneuf power in comparison to its neighbors, but not even the staunchest proponent of "Monster Châteauneufs" should have an issue with the depth and intensity on display in the 2007 Mont-Redon. The Abeilles are very enthusiastic for the potential of the 2007, and it is very easy to appreciate why this is the case. A dynamite wine in the making. 2020-2050+. 94+.

2006 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

I really love the style of the 2006 Mont-Redon, which strikes me as much more classically cut from the mold of this fine estate and I fully expect that this will age into one of the "Burgundian-styled" vintages from this estate. The wine is just a tad lower in alcohol than the more powerful 2007, but at 14.2 percent, it is no weak-kneed wine. The superb bouquet offers up a beautiful mélange of raspberries, red currants, hickory smoke, meaty tones, garrigue, a lovely base of complex soil tones and a nice touch of spice in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and strikingly transparent for a young Châteauneuf du Pape, with lovely midpalate depth, velvety tannins and outstanding length and grip on the nascently complex finish. This is not the blockbuster of the 2007, but it will reach its ultimate apogee sooner and is already a pretty fine drink. I would try to give it a few more years in the cellar to let the tannins more completely fall away, and then drink it over the ensuing two or three decades. Classy juice. 2014-2035+. 92.

2005 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 2005 Mont-Redon is another fairly powerful vintage for this estate, with its style seemingly a synthesis of the broad-shouldered 2007 and the more restrained 2006. The nose is fairly deep-pitched for a young Mont-Redon, with notes of red and black raspberries, olives, spice tones, orange zest, a great expression of stony minerality and a smoky topnote. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and rock solid at the core, with fine focus, ripe, chewy tannins and very good length and grip on the nascently complex finish. This will need some time in the cellar to really start to blossom, but it should prove to be a very strong and quite classic vintage of Mont-Redon in the fullness of time. 2017-2040. 93.

2001 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 2001 Mont-Redon is a superb bottle really shows off the inherent elegance of this estate's wines, and at age nine it is really starting to drink very well indeed. I am a big fan of this vintage in Châteauneuf, which in general I feel has produced more elegant and complete wines than in 2000. The 2001 Mont-Redon possesses a really lovely bouquet that is beginning its transition from red fruit to black fruit, as it offers up scents of black cherries, tobacco, a touch of garrigue, espresso, cigar smoke, complex soil tones and a nice touch of fresh herbs in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and very pure, with fine mid-palate depth, superb complexity, well-measured tannins and very fine length and grip on the suave and impressively refined finish. This is on its way to being one of the classics, and is impressively cool in the mouth for its 14.5 percent alcohol. A lovely wine. 2009-2025. 93.

2000 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 2000 Mont-Redon is a full half point lower in alcohol than the superb 2001 rendition, but oddly, it seems to show a bit riper profile on both the nose and palate. The bouquet is deep and very impressive (albeit still a bit primary), as it offers up scents of black cherries, grilled meats, coffee, tobacco, stony soil tones, a touch of olive, allspice and a nice, almost leafy overtone in the upper register. On the palate this is a full-bodied Châteauneuf du Pape, with a fine core of fruit, still plenty of ripe tannins to resolve, fine focus, impeccable balance and a very long, chewy and complex finish. Whereas the 2001 Mont-Redon is already starting to show signs of approaching maturity, the 2000 is still in need of several years to start to blossom and is currently still a bit bound up in its structure. A very fine example of this vintage, the 2000 Mont-Redon should prove to be quite long-lived and eventually will offer up outstanding drinking, but a bit more patience is required. 2015-2040. 93.



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1998 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 1998 Mont-Redon is still a fairly young wine, but it is starting to come around a bit and is really showing its budding secondary layers of complexity on both the nose and palate. The superb and still fairly youthful nose offers up a fine mélange of black cherries, dark berries, coffee, spice box, a touch of fruitcake, smoke and a lovely base of stony soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and possesses an excellent core of sweet fruit. The finish is very long, ripely tannic and still a tad adolescent, with a few more years of cellaring guaranteed to be rewarded handsomely. The 1998 vintage in Châteauneuf du Pape is hardly one of my favorites, as most examples I have tried are egregiously overripe, but the 1998 Mont-Redon is quite classic and will be a superb wine in the fullness of time. 2014-2040. 94.

1995 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 1995 Mont-Redon has begun to move into its plateau of maturity, as the fruit has transitioned from the more red fruity, grenache character that the wine shows early on into a more black fruity and complex potpourri that is so typical of this great wine at its apogee. This is a fabulous example of the vintage, as it soars from the glass in a blaze of dark berries, black raspberries, bacon fat, bonfires, fresh herbs, a hint of black truffle, dark chocolate, sous bois, and black olive. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, deep and light on its feet, with great focus and grip, melting tannins, bright acids and simply great length and delineation on the complex and seamless finish. Great, great juice. 2008-2040. 94.

1990 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 1990 vintage at Mont-Redon is remarkable for its freshness and purity in what was a very hot and roasted year in Châteauneuf du Pape. The bouquet is deep, complex and tertiary, as it wafts from the glass in a complex blend of Cuban tobacco, dark berries, espresso, spit-roasted venison, sous bois, a touch of truffle and an earthy base of soil tones. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and fully mature, with a very suave attack, a fine core of fruit, melting tannins and a very long, refined and focused finish. Just a lovely bottle of Châteauneuf du Pape that transcends the general parameters of the vintage with its refined and elegant style. 2010-2030. 94.

1989 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

The 1989 Mont-Redon is a stunning example of this outstanding Châteauneuf du Pape vintage. The brilliant nose soars from the glass in a complex and classic blend of red and black raspberries, black cherries, a touch of menthol, game, cigar box, lovely spice tones, incipient autumnal tones and a superb base of soil. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and moderately tannic, with a great core of pure fruit, superb soil inflection, lovely focus and excellent length and grip on the classy finish. Just a lovely bottle of Châteauneuf and one of my favorites in the last couple of decades at Mont-Redon. 2009-2035+. 94+.

1978 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon

I have had the good fortune to drink the beautiful 1978 Mont-Redon on four occasions in the last few years and each time I am completely smitten with the style of this superb wine. At age thirty-two the wine is at its absolute summit of peak drinkability, as it soars from the glass in a deep and complex mélange of dark berries, coffee bean, singed heather, gamebirds, lavender, smoke and cigar ash. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and absolutely à point, with great complexity, melting tannins and simply stunning length and grip. This is a classically black fruity, mature vintage of Mont-Redon that will have no difficulties continuing to cruise along at its peak for at least another decade or two and is clearly one of the top 1978 Châteauneufs. A great and utterly classic vintage of Mont-Redon. 2010-2030+. 95.

1971 Châteauneuf du Pape- Château Mont-Redon (served from magnum)

Monsieur Abeille observed when we tasted this magnum, that there was a higher percentage of Grenache used in the final blend in 1971 than is customary at Mont-Redon these days, and as a result the wine has retained a more red fruity personality at maturity. The bouquet is deep, pure and beautiful, as it offers up a mature mélange of dried raspberries, orange zest, pepper, a touch of bonfire, venison, coffee and fresh herbs. On the palate the wine is deep, fullish and very suave, with a good core of fruit, very little remaining tannin, fairly low acids and lovely length and grip on the spicy and elegant finish. A lovely old bottle of Châteauneuf du Pape with still plenty of life in it. 2009-2025. 90.

