

“Think of Clos des Papes as a Chateauneuf du Pape with the complexity of a top-notch grand cru Burgundy from the Cote de Nuits.” The Wine Advocate



Clos des Papes (bio-dynamic)

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Chateauneuf-du-Pape



Clos des Papes is one of the great established names of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and in recent years has produced a succession of remarkable wines made by Paul-Vincent Avril.

For the red Chateauneuf, Clos des Papes uses up to 20% of Mourvedre in the blend. Grenache and Syrah are the other main components at around 50% and 10% respectively, with the balance being a mix of all the other permitted varieties. Clos des Papes is one of the few estates to use all permitted varieties for both red and white Chateauneuf. They are well-known for producing one of the most authentic and long-lived examples of the appellation having started estate bottling in 1896. The white Chateauneuf-du-Pape also ages extremely well providing great drinking pleasure for 20 years or more. It is made from almost equal percentages of all the permitted white varieties. The property has today 32 ha. 3 ha. is with white varieties. 24 different parcels are spread around the town. A parcel is nearby the pope's castle and has been surrounded by walls (clos). From here came the name of the domain. These wines are very limited and always in high demand.



2013 Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge

“Looking at the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape, which is still aging in foudre, Paul-Vincent normally does four separate blends and keeps them in separate foudre (one with more Mourvedre, one with more Syrah, etc.) before blending everything together prior to bottling. However, due to the miniscule crop in 2013, he was only able to do a single blend. Nevertheless, I was able to taste it from multiple foudres (and unsurprisingly, each showed dramatically different), with most rating in the low to mid-90s. From excruciatingly low yields and hitting 14.8% alcohol, it's clearly an outstanding wine and has pretty, complex aromatics, excellent concentration, medium to full-bodied richness and lively acidity. There's a slight Burgundian feel here, and I suspect it will be reasonably approachable in its youth, with 10-12 years of overall longevity. (91-93)” erobertparker.com #215 Oct 2014

2014 Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge

“From yields in range of 15 hectoliter per hectare, the 2014 Châteauneuf du Pape is reminiscent of the 2008 and reveals a healthy ruby color to go with the classic kirsch, dried flowers and spice notes that I always find in Avril's wines. Showing an almost Pinot Noir-like texture with medium to full-bodied richness, sweet tannin and outstanding length, it will certainly be one of the more approachable, forward wines from this estate, and it should be a low to mid-nineties scoring effort. (92-94)” The Wine Advocate #221 October 2015

2013 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

“A bright, floral-edged version, with a honeysuckle note that gives way to racy core of white peach, accacia, jicama, lemon pulp and apple skin flavors. Bracing zip and mouth-watering minerality adds drive and length to the finish. Best from 2015 through 2022. 94 points” Wine Spectator September 2014

2015 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

Made from roughly equal quantities of all 6 permitted white varieties, Grenache blanc, Bourboulenc, Clairette, Roussanne, Picpoul and Picardin fermented cool and kept on lees for 5 month, no malolactic. These whites have not only amazing richness and depth, but also fabulous acidity and structure enabling them to age effortlessly for 2 or decades.

Petit vin d'Avril rouge - Grenache based blend of 2012 from tank and 2011 from foudre this is clearly the best issue yet of this amazing value red blend.

Petit vin d'Avril Blanc - Blend of 99% Marsanne and 1% Chardonnay tank fermented and matured on lees for 5 months. Perfumed fleshy and textural.