

(Bio-Dynamic)



# Domaine de Villeneuve

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Domaine de Villeneuve is a small estate (8.4 hectares) situated in the northern sector of Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the lieu-dit of Palestor. The estates vineyards are close to Château Beaucastel on one side, and Mont-Redon on the other. 90% of the vines are between 30 and 100+ years of age, with 75% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 8% Syrah, and 7% of other varieties.

The property was purchased by the du Roy de Blicquy and Wallut families in 1993. Since then they have completely refurbished the estate. A new winery was built under-ground over three levels to allow all operations to be carried out by gravity feed to eliminate the use of pumps. Ageing of the Grenache takes place in large enamel lined cement tanks and the Syrah and Mourvedre components which used to be aged in large casks are now also aged in the enamel lined cement tanks.

Using bio-dynamic practices the old vines were nursed back to health and only a small percentage of the vineyard was re-planted, mostly to Syrah and Mourvedre. Yields are kept at a very low 20 to 28 hectoliters per hectare, and the wines are fermented with natural yeasts and kept with CO<sub>2</sub> in order to eliminate the usage of SO<sub>2</sub> during the maturation process. The wine is bottled un-fined and unfiltered with a tiny safe amount of SO<sub>2</sub> for export. These are stylish wines of freshness and intensity with depth and grace that possess natural balance and moderate alcohol levels with no undue heaviness or extract.



## 2012 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“Juicy, bright and vibrant, with plenty of plum, blackberry, ground herbs and violets, it too is medium-bodied, reasonably well-textured and nicely balanced. This biodynamically farmed estate covers just over 20 acres, located exclusively in the lieu-dit of Palestor, which is in the northern part of the appellation. They employ Rhône superstar oenologist Philippe Cambie.” **The Wine Advocate***

## 2011 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“(75% grenache and 15% mourvedre, with cinsault, syrah and clairette): Bright ruby-red. Redcurrant and cherry on the nose, with subtle floral and mineral qualities adding complexity. Taut red fruit flavors are tangy and sharply focused, with floral pastille and blood orange notes building on the back half. Finishes with a touch of smoky minerality, good clarity and tangy persistence. In a linear, nervy style that benefits from aeration.” **Steve Tanzer***

## 2009 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“A blend of 70% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre and the rest Syrah, Cinsault and Clairette, this stylish, elegant 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes offers up copious aromas of raspberries, kirsch and loamy soil undertones as well as a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel. The well-made wine is surprisingly evolved and is ideal for drinking over the next 7-8 years.” **The Wine Advocate***

## 2007 Domaine de Villeneuve Chateauneuf du Pape “vieilles vignes”

*“This estate did not offer their 2008 for tasting, but they have hit the bull’s eye with their brilliant 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape. Aged 80% in tank and 20% in old barrels, this blend of 70% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre, and the rest Syrah, Cinsault, and the white grape Clairette is made from vines that average 65 years of age (some are over 100 years). This dense ruby/purple-hued offering smells like the essence of raspberry jam intermixed with boysenberries and blueberries. Exceptionally pure, with a layered mouthfeel and sweet tannin, this is undeniably the finest wine made by Proprietor Stanislas Wallut since he purchased Domaine de Villeneuve in 1992.” **Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate***