

Le Clos du Caillou

ESPRIT **NATURE**
CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE
(WINE WITHOUT SULPHITES ADDED)

2022



VINTAGE 2022: A seductive and promising vintage.

An exceptional year in every way: first of all by the exceptional drought that characterizes this year, with only 100mm of water from January to August. Then, exceptional by the hail episode that occurred on August 14 on Châteauneuf-du-Pape (the Clos du Caillou located on the edge of the affected area, the vineyard was rather well spared). It is then exceptional for the strength of the vine, which, despite these extreme conditions, has once again surprised us by producing high-quality grapes.

The late rains of August 15 were saving and helped unlock the maturities favouring the balance of juices and mitigating the solar side.

A complex vintage in decision making, which led us to take risks and make the choice to wait.

If the year was hot, the wines have a very nice balance, tannins quite present without being dominant, a nice concentration. This vintage reminds us of the balance and depth of the 2015 vintage.

A complex vintage, remarkable, very promising.

VINIFICATION

Manual harvest with sorting at the vine then in the cellar.

Vinification in whole bunches without addition of sulphite and under protection of carbon dioxide for 14 days by indigenous yeasts.

Harvest begins on September 22.

AGEING: In stainless steel tanks for 4 months.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTE :

The colour is bright purple with intense purple reflections.

On the nose, we find a delicious scent of rose petals, garrigues, sweet spices, mixed with aromas of cherry and raspberry.

We find a bright mouth, on aromas of strawberries, cherry, sweet spices.

It is a precise, bursting wine, full of delicacy and energy.

FOOD AND WINES PAIRING :

Beef Tartare with Parmesan

Lyonnais Brioché Sausage

Brie de Maux

Chocolate cake with raspberry heart



CREATION OF THE CUVÉE:
2011 vintage

AVERAGE AGE OF VINES:
25-30 years

BLEND :
100% Grenache

YIELD:
28 hl/ha

SOIL CHARACTERISTICS :
Clay soils composed of rolled pebbles
(Location: Le Coudoulet)



2023-2030



14-16°C