



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE LES EPICES

Surface : 3 000 hectares

Location : Châteauneuf du Pape, Bédarrides, Courthézon, Orange et Sorgues.

Appellation : Châteauneuf du Pape

Soil : Large rounded quartz stones in sandy red clay

Grape variety : grenache, Syrah, mourvèdre, cinsault, muscardin, Picpoul, terret noir, counoise, vaccarèse, picardan, clairette, roussane, bourboulenc.

Harvest : by hand

Wine making : traditional with a long maceration

Ageing : in vats and in oaks



History

The history of Châteauneuf du Pape is not only linked to France, but also to the « Papacy ». When Jacques Dues was elected « Pape of Avignon », he set up the famous castle of Châteauneuf, the ruins of which are still the symbol of the wine-growing area.

The vineyard spreads over almost the entire commune of Châteauneuf and the parts of the neighbouring Bédarrides, Courthézon, Orange and Sorgues where the soil is of the same nature.



Soil

Shallow and very stony, the soil is mainly comprised of large rounded quartz stones in sandy red clay.



Wine

Colour : Dark ruby red colour.

Nose : A complex bouquet of soft fruit, leather, aniseed, liquorice and spices.

Taste : The red wines are rounded and unctuous, full and supple, with good length.



To serve

The complexity of these red wines makes them ideal partners to a number of dishes and most cheeses.

They are excellent after about five years ageing, but, depending on the vintage, may be kept ten or more years.