

ANDRÉ BRUNEL CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROUGE 2020

Rhône Valley, France



TASTING NOTES: The wine offers exuberant red fruit, mainly strawberry, on the nose and palate, with the Grenache contributing round tannins. The Syrah and Cinsault bring structure and elegance. The finish is soft and lingering.

VITICULTURE: The grapes that make up this wine come from vines in two of the best vineyards in the region, located to the east and west of the Rhône. They have complementary qualities, allowing the Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah to reveal their best characteristics, thanks to the small yields and clay/limestone soil of the Saint Genies de Comolas in the Gard, and the power and hardiness of the grapes from the round pebbles and clay subsoil of the Travaillan, in the Vaucluse.

VINIFICATION: The grapes are harvested in September and fully destemmed to enhance the fruitiness of the wine. Fermentation lasts three to four weeks, after which time the wine is aged in concrete tanks for a period of nine to twelve months. The wine is released one month after bottling.

INTERESTING FACT: Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah have grown together in André Brunel's family vineyards for more than five generations.

FAMILY: One of Châteauneuf's most revered estates is centuries-old André Brunel, who has been in the region since the 17th century and has been making wine for five generations. Though originally named Domaine Les Cailloux by Lucien Brunel in 1954, its current name is after the fourth-generation owner, André Brunel. Under André's leadership, the estate expanded rapidly, with vines in the Côtes du Rhône AOC as well as Vins de Pays. In 1971, after André took over, he launched Grenache-dominant Cuvée Centenaire, the estate's top wine, which solidified André Brunel as a major player in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. In addition, the family is leading the charge in the region for eco-friendly farming practices, eschewing chemicals at every turn. André's son, Fabrice, is now at the helm of this pioneering estate, overseeing their three appellations.

PRODUCER: André Brunel

REGION: Côtes Du Rhône, Rhône Valley

GRAPE(S): 70% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 10% Syrah

SKU: ABCR207

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 3.42 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: <1 G/L

pH: 3.49