

# ANDRÉ BRUNEL CÔTES DU RHÔNE CUVÉE EST-OUEST 2024

*Rhône Valley, France*



**TASTING NOTES:** The 2024 vintage is vibrant and expressive, blending Grenache and Cinsault for bright red fruit aromas, while Syrah adds depth and structure. Fresh yet subtly textured, it strikes a seamless balance between lift and body—an elegant, easy-drinking red made for sharing.

**VITICULTURE:** Sourced from two complementary Rhône terroirs, combining elegance and power. In Saint-Geniès-de-Comolas (Gard), low-yielding vines on clay-limestone soils deliver finesse and aromatic lift, while Travaillan (Vaucluse) contributes depth and structure from its clay soils and iconic rounded pebbles. Together, these sites allow Grenache, Cinsault, and Syrah to express their full character.

**VINIFICATION:** Harvested in September, grapes are fully destemmed to enhance purity of fruit. Fermentation and maceration last 3–4 weeks with daily pump-overs and controlled temperatures (~25°C) to optimize extraction and balance. The wine is then aged 9–12 months in concrete tanks, preserving freshness and varietal character, and released shortly after bottling for immediate enjoyment.

**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

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**REGION:** Côtes Du Rhône, Rhône Valley

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