

DOMAINE LA BARROCHE

Christian and Julien BARROT's vineyard, the result of the parcelling out of a family property, which stretches over 12 hectares and is made up of several parcels all located within the Châteauneuf du Pape "appellation" (French quality wine). This vineyard has been passed through the family from generation to generation since the XIVth century. Since 2002, Julien has been working on the property to help his father in the vineyard and the cellar.



GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION :

50 % of the vineyard is situated on the renowned pebbly soil characteristic of the North of the "appellation".

The other 50 % of production is across the Châteauneuf du Pape region, including a hundred year old parcel of 1.6 hectare in the famous RAYAS area.

GEOLOGY

The soil is composed of layers of red clay, spread on terraces, covered with large ochre pebbles from the Rhône alluvian deposits. These pebbles store up the heat in the day time and release it at night. There are 4 different levels of clay terraces situated at 20, 30, 60 and 80 meters above the ground level.

VINEYARD'S VINES

75 % Grenache, of which 4 hectares are more than a hundred years old
10 % Mourvedre
10 % Shiraz
5 % Cinsault

These 4 different grape varieties are completely handpicked with selective sorting. Fermentation lasts between 6 and 8 days but the wine is racked off only 21 to 25 days from fermentation depending on the years. The wines are left to mature for at least 18 months in oak barrels whose capacity ranges from 18 to 50 hectoliters, as well as in "demi-muids" (6 hectoliter oak barrels) in order to help small oxidation phenomena.

WINE TASTING COMMENTARY

2003

A charming garnet-red robe with a deep purple colour.
The nose expresses jammed black fruits and blackcurrant flavours accompanied with vanilla and spicy notes.
A rich and fleshy start with an elegant woody mouth.
Generous with a lot of volume, the finish denotes tannins still a little bit firm.
A good wine for ageing..
