



LOUIS BERNARD

As of 1976, Mr Bernard travelled throughout the Rhône Valley in search of exceptional winegrowers producing wines of great authenticity and true to their terroir. Since then, close partnerships have been established with more than 20 respected vineyard owners. 40 years later, the Louis Bernard spirit is still alive and has been given a new inspiration thanks to a young and dynamic team established in the village of Gigondas. Generous, convivial, accessible are the descriptions that come to mind when discovering these inspiring wines. **With Louis Bernard wines, enhance every moment!**

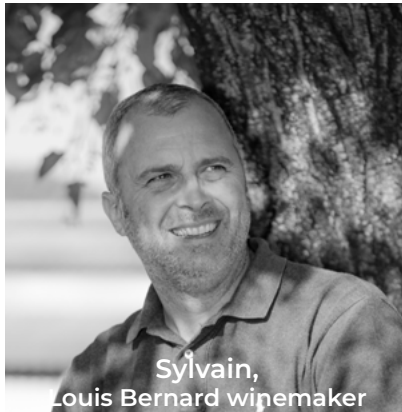
DOMAINE LA SOUCO PAPALE CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE

Domaine La Souco Papale has been a family estate for 2 generations in the village of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. "Souco" means "trunk" or "vine" in provençal.

The vineyard has plots located on the 3 different terroirs of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This diversity of soils allow the wine-grower, Mr Alazay, to maintain a high consistent quality.

The red grape varieties are located on sandy red clay plots with large round quartz stones which produce a red wine full of aromas, roundness and generosity.

The vines are 40 years-old in average. The average yield is around 35hl/ha.



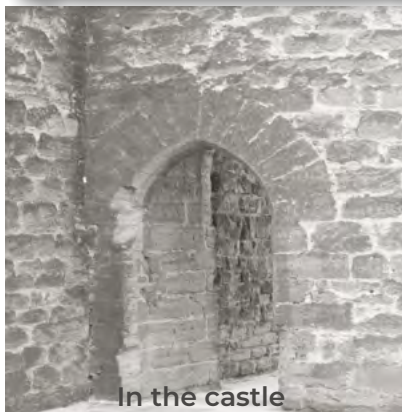
Châteauneuf du Pape is the most **prestigious** southern Rhône appellation. The wines derive their special character from specific conditions. There are the round red and cream-colored stones or «**galets**» left in the soil by ancient **Alpine glaciers**. During the day these «galets» absorb the heat and then redistribute it to the vines at night, thus increasing maturity and **richness**. The vines here also benefit from the cleansing **Mistral** wind, which helps keep them dry and disease-free.



The spirit of Louis Bernard

Sylvain Jean, the Louis Bernard winemaker, with our winegrower partners is committed to sustainable **agriculture and earth-friendly policies**.

He is convinced that the quality of a wine depends above all on the selection of the fruit in respect of the environment. Together they guarantee that the 'Louis Bernard style' is very much focused on **Grenache**, the king of grape varieties in the **southern Rhône Valley**.



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Winemaking

Grapes de-stemmed and put into stainless steel vats. Fermentation starts with natural yeast. Pumping-over is done 2 to 3 times a day. Maceration lasts for 15 to 20 days to extract as much colour and tannin as possible. Malolactic fermentation Matured in wine vats for 8-10 months before bottling. Vegan wine.



CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Grape Varieties

Black Grenache - Syrah

Tasting notes

Deep red colour with violet hints. A complex and flavourful nose with notes of black fruit and liquorice. It has a very supple start which evolves into a long finish full of spicy tones.

Service & food pairing

Open it at least 2 hours before serving between 16° and 18°C (63° - 65°F). Although excellent now, this wine will gain in complexity and elegance with a cellaring period of 7 to 10 years after release.

It pairs well with large game, spicy or mushroom dishes, steak or raviole with ceps.

Pontifical residence, XIV century, Châteauneuf du Pape



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