



DOMAINE DE GOUYE

Saint-Joseph Rouge Vieilles Vignes

High above the village of Saint-Jean de Muzols, you'd be forgiven if you felt you'd stepped into another century. The only sound aside from the wind through the trees is the determined step of Ramses, a plow horse, as he pulls his way through each vine row. In the cellar of the Desbos family, a vertical press from the year 1886 stands ready for the next harvest. And when that time comes, it's all hands on deck, helping to pick the grapes and stomp them with bare feet in ancient wooden fermentation vats. At Domaine de Gouye, winemaking follows time-tested tradition not because it's romantic but because it's the "most efficient," says winemaker Philippe Desbos, the third generation of his family to craft Syrah wines from this windswept perch above the Rhône.

WINERY: Domaine De Gouye

WINEMAKER: Philippe Desbos

ESTABLISHED: 1933

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Saint-Jean de Muzols

APPELLATION: Saint-Joseph AOC

BLEND: 100% Syrah

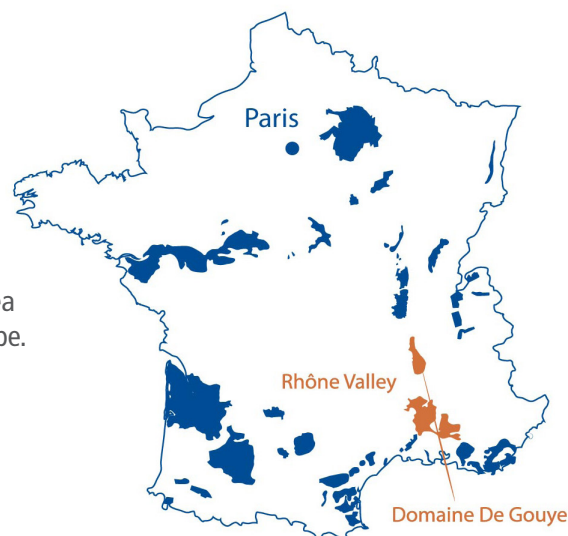
VINEYARDS: Just over seven acres of older vines sit at 1,050 feet above sea level, surrounding the family house and cellars, on a steep, southfacing slope. Soils are mostly decomposed granite.

AGE OF VINES: 50 years, on average

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Full-cluster fruit is crushed by foot and fermented on indigenous yeasts in upright oak fermenters in the family's naturally cold cellar, dug into the granite hillside. Aged in older, neutral French oak barrels for 16 months. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered.

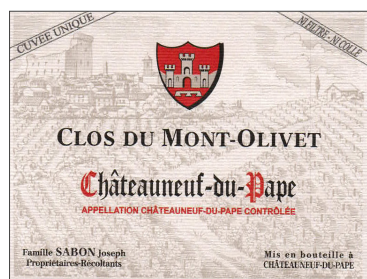
TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of summer bramble fruit, light white pepper, licorice, warm earth. Full-bodied yet refined, suave tannins; red and black raspberries, boysenberry, baking spices.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled meats; roasted chicken; lamb sausages with herbs



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CLOS DU MONT-OLIVET

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge

Cuvée Unique 2021

The family estate of Clos du Mont-Olivet is the collector's choice for traditional, aromatic and age-worthy southern Rhône blends. This multi-generational estate was one of the first wineries North Berkeley Imports partnered with in the south of France more than 25 years ago; since then, the estate has come to symbolize both what we seek out in winemaker-partners and importantly, what we hold true and dear in great wine. Always elegant, aromatic and long-lived, these wines reflect not only the rich character of southern Rhône terroir but also the subtle, spicy personalities of the region's native grapes. Clos du Mont-Olivet is "one of the great estates of Châteauneuf-du-Pape," says the Wine Advocate.

WINERY: Clos du Mont-Olivet

WINEMAKER: Thierry Sabon

ESTABLISHED: 1932

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Châteauneuf-du-Pape

APPELLATION: Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC

BLEND: 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre; a special blend exclusively imported by North Berkeley Imports

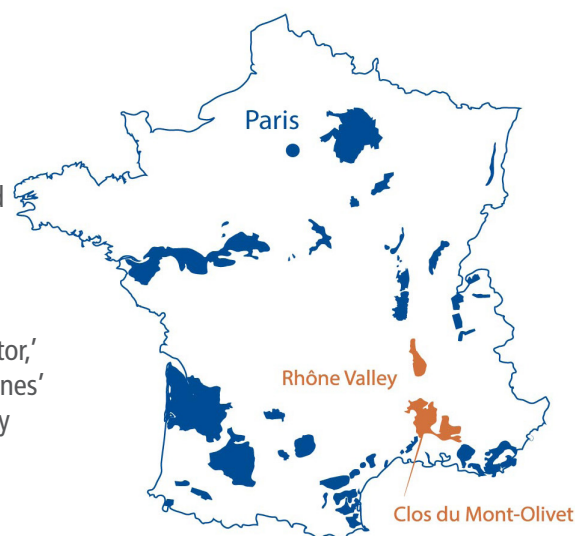
VINEYARDS: Estate vineyards represent a perfect cross-section of Châteauneuf terroir, unique in its complexity and variety. The lieu-dits 'Montalivet,' 'La Crau,' 'Blachieres,' 'Coste Froide,' 'Bois Seneseau,' 'Palestor,' 'Bois Dauphin,' 'Pied de Baud,' 'Les Bosquets,' 'Les Parrans' and 'Les Marines' are found in the north/northeast of the appellation. Soils range from clay and sand to alluvial gravel and 'galets roulés,' the large quartz stones characteristic of Rhône Valley vineyards.

AGE OF VINES: 30-40 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested. Partially destemmed; fermented on indigenous yeasts in cement tank. Aged exclusively in older foudre. Unfined and unfiltered.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of blackberry, red cherry and baking spices. Smooth, concentrated yet balanced; flavors of tart cherries, red plums and light licorice. Very long.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Grilled steak; lamb roasted with prunes; olive tapenade



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