

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE “LE MAS” 2021



VARIETY & TERROIR

55% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre,
5% Cinsault on sandy-silty soils, clays and pebbles
rolled on the plots of a single vineyard

VINEYARD AGE

60 to 100 year-old vines from the lieu-dit “Panisse”, “La
Janasse” and “Le Bousquet”

FARMING PRACTICES

Organic and biodynamic

VINIFICATION & AGING

Manual harvesting and sorting, 100% destemming with
native fermentation in concrete vats. Manual pigging
carried out throughout the 35-40 days of maceration.
Aged for 14 months, 80% demi-muids, 20% in barrels.

ALCOHOL

15 %

PRODUCTION

9 036 bottles

The Vacheron family behind Clos du Caillou acquired an old estate in Courthézon called Domaine de Panisse, which has existed for centuries and never been touched by chemicals, but since modern times has only sold their fruit to négoce. Just below Beaucastel on the northern boundary of the appellation, the estate has 7 hectares that sits on the confluence of where the three major terroirs of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape all meet (galets roulés pudding stones, compacted clay and pure sand). The vines are old massale plantings of Mourvèdre, Grenache, and a little Cinsault with between 60-100 years of vine age.

Marilou and Axel Vacheron received top marks from France’s leading wine critics on their 2021 vintage at Domaine de Panisse -- an atypical old-style vintage whose long growing season offered a freshness and balance not seen in Southern Rhône reds during the last twenty years. “Despite its freshness, the fruit is pulpy. Underpinned by silky tannins. This distinguished wine evolves towards a complex perfume reminiscent of precious wood. 97/100” - *La Revue du Vin de France*

Michel Bettane and Thierry Desseauve just released their 2023 guide which elevated Domaine de Panisse to a “Three Star” producer: “Domaine de Panisse *** relies on a vineyard in the northeast of the appellation, part of which produces excellent Côtes-du-Rhône, very close to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyards. The latter reach a very high level of expression, with skilfully elevated, long finish. We can only applaud the work they do to sublimate the terroirs and lieux-dits of each vintage.”
- *Louis-Victor Charvet and Thierry Desseauve Bettane et Desseauve*