

Château de Vaudieu,  
`Clos du Belvédère` Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2021  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhône, France



Grape Varieties	<b>100% Grenache Blanc</b>
Winemaker	<b>Christophe Schurdevin</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>14%</b>
Residual Sugar	<b>0.6g/L</b>
Acidity	<b>5.45g/L</b>
Wine pH	<b>3.11</b>
Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl</b>
Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>

## PRODUCER

The 18th century Château de Vaudieu has been in the Bréchet family for over 50 years. Today it is run by Laurent Bréchet, the grandson of the original owner, alongside his daughter Elise. The name 'Vaudieu' originates from 'Vallée de Dieu', or 'Valley of God', a reference to the beauty of the area around Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Vaudieu has 70 hectares of vineyards in total, of which 60 hectares are planted with red varieties on prized sites that are located just east of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, neighbouring the vineyards of the famed Château Rayas.

## VINEYARDS

Ten hectares of the estate are planted with white varieties, of which Grenache Blanc makes up around 30%. The fruit for this particular cuvée is sourced from the estate's best plot of Grenache Blanc. The vines are on average 43 years old and planted on one of the highest points of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape plateau. This location, combined with galet roulés and red clay soils, produces an intense and concentrated, yet elegant expression of Grenache Blanc.

## VINTAGE

After a particularly mild winter (+2.5°C above average in February) and a very cool spring, came a summer marked with several very hot (albeit short) episodes (mid-June, end of July and mid-August). Summer rainfall was reported between 55 and 77 mm. However thanks to rain in early August, the vines did not suffer from major water stress. The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness on 21st September. The resulting wines have excellent acidity, promising good ageing potential.

## VINIFICATION

The Grenache Blanc grapes were harvested and sorted by hand and packed into small crates in the cool early morning to retain optimum quality and freshness. The bunches were gently pressed in a pneumatic press and the must was left to settle in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation took place in used 500L French oak barriques, and the wine was then aged for nine months in oak, resulting in additional aromatic and textural complexity.

## TASTING NOTES

This wine is pale gold with green highlights. The nose is pure and precise with aromas of grapefruit, cashew nut and white nectarine. On the palate, discrete oak, vivid fruit and a refreshing salinity are framed by the wine's revitalising acidity and rich texture. The finish is long and layered. The 2021 vintage has exceptional ageing potential.