

Château de Vaudieu,
`Clos du Belvédère` Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2022
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhône, France



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

The 2022 vintage began with an early budburst, after which the vines took advantage of the spring rains to develop and produce a significant number of clusters. The summer months were dry and hot, providing perfect conditions for the ripening season. The harvest took place on 29th August 2022 during mild weather, resulting in a crop of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

The Grenache Blanc grapes were harvested and sorted by hand. The bunches were gently pressed in a pneumatic press and the must was left to cold settle in stainless steel tanks. Fermentation took place in used French oak barriques, and the wine was then aged for 9 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.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache Blanc
Winemaker	Laurent Brechet
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Residual Sugar	1.4g/L
Acidity	5.46g/L
Wine pH	3.1
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan