

Château de Vaudieu,
`Amiral G` Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2021
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

The fruit for Amiral G is sourced from one of the estate's best single vineyards, which is situated on one of the highest hills of the appellation. The vines are 25 years old on average and are planted on galets roulés (pudding stones) over red clay soils, resulting in a powerful yet elegant expression of Grenache. Its name is a tribute to the Château's 1767 founder, L'Amiral Gérin.

VINTAGE

After a particularly mild winter (+2.5°C above average in February) and a very cool spring, summer was marked with several very hot, albeit short, episodes. Thanks to rain in early August, the vines did not suffer from major water stress. The grapes were harvested at optimum ripeness on the 27th of September and the resulting wines have excellent acidity and good ageing potential.

VINIFICATION

The hand harvested fruit was 100% destemmed and crushed before fermentation at around 25°C in a concrete tank. Maceration lasted around 30 days, during which time pump overs and rack and returns were carried out daily, according to the wine's developing profile. The wine was then aged for 18 months in new 600L demi-muids.

TASTING NOTES

This wine expertly showcases the power and elegance of Grenache. The nose displays opulent aromas of ripe black cherry, wild herbs, black pepper and star anise. The palate is full-bodied and pure with silky, yet grippy tannins.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache
Winemaker	Laurent Brechet
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Residual Sugar	1.5g/L
Acidity	3.1g/L
Wine pH	3.67
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan