

Château de Vaudieu,
`Closierie de Vaudieu` Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2023
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Southern Rhône, France



Winemaker	Laurent Brechet
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	14.5%
Bottle Sizes	75cl

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

Situated north-east of the town, the vineyards surround those of Château Rayas. Spread over 70 hectares, the soils vary greatly, from sand to quartz (galets) and clay/limestone outcrops. This diversity of soil and exposure adds complexity to the blend, with the fruit from the sandier soils lending aromatic elegance and that from the galets giving power and intensity. The vines are over 65 years in age and the fruit gains incredible levels of concentration as a result.

VINTAGE

The 2023 growing season in Châteauneuf-du-Pape began with a dry winter, followed by welcome spring rains that refreshed soils and supported healthy vine development. Budburst and flowering went well, thanks to low disease pressure. Heat intensified and peaked in August, but timely late-summer rainfall helped the vines complete ripening. While some vineyards saw reduced yields due to coulure or localised hail, most fruit was harvested in good health, showing promising balance and maturity.

VINIFICATION

Upon arrival at the winery the grapes were destemmed and crushed before being transferred into a temperature controlled stainless steel tank. During maceration, pumping over was carried out daily. The wine was then aged in underground concrete tanks.

TASTING NOTES

Deep ruby red in the glass. La Closierie de Vaudieu has a complex nose, with notes of ripe red cherry and blackberry alongside subtle aromas of dried herbs and liquorice. On the palate, it is full bodied with ripe, soft tannins and a smooth finish.