

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

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

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 during mild weather, resulting in a crop of excellent quality.

VINIFICATION

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

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	1.82g/L
Acidity	4.53g/L
Wine pH	3.78
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan