

Château de Vaudieu,
`L'Avenue` 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 Grenache Noir for L'Avenue is sourced from one of the estate's best single vineyard plots, which is situated at the top of one of the hills of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The vines are 53 years old on average and are planted on sandy soils, resulting in excellent finesse and freshness in the finished wine.

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 grapes were harvested and sorted by hand. On arrival at the winery they were destemmed and crushed, then placed in open top concrete tanks. Fermentation took place at around 25°C and lasted approximately 30 days, with punch downs and pump overs, for integrated and structured tannins. The wine was then aged in 600L demi-muids for 18 months.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine has aromas of raspberry, mint, liquorice and black tea. The palate is full-bodied yet boasts a lovely freshness and silky tannins, typical of old vine Grenache on sand.

Grape Varieties	100% Grenache
Winemaker	Laurent Bréchet
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	15%
Residual Sugar	1.72g/L
Acidity	4.5g/L
Wine pH	3.73
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Vegetarian, Vegan