

Château de Beaucastel,
`Coudoulet de Beaucastel` Côtes-du-Rhône 2023
Côtes-du-Rhône, Southern Rhône, France



PRODUCER

The 16th century Château de Beaucastel was acquired by the Perrin family in the early 1900s. With a global following for their benchmark Châteauneuf du Pape, the wines at this historic property are consistently among the finest in the region.

VINEYARDS

A quarter of Beaucastel's 100 hectares lie just beyond the Châteauneuf-du-pape appellation boundary. It is the fruit from the vines grown here which make up the excellent Côtes-du-Rhône: 'Coudoulet de Beaucastel'. Given the proximity of the vineyards to Châteauneuf-du-pape, this wine is often dubbed a 'baby Beaucastel'. The soils are classic sand, clay and limestone, carpeted with galets, the region's archetypal pudding stones, which help the grapes to ripen by retaining the daytime heat and releasing it at night. In addition to prime vineyard holdings, the Perrin family are pioneers of sustainable farming, having converted to organic viticulture as early as 1950 and having farmed biodynamically since 1974.

VINTAGE

The 2023 vintage benefited from a well-balanced climate, reflected clearly in the wines. A mild winter gave way to a dry spring and a hot summer, especially through August and September. Although rainfall was limited, the conditions allowed for ideal ripening, and harvest began on 22 August in excellent weather.

VINIFICATION

Each variety was harvested manually and vinified separately, with sorting carried out on arrival at the cellar. Maceration took place in cement tanks for 12 days, followed by a gentle pneumatic press. After malolactic fermentation, the different varietals were blended, and the wine was aged for six months in oak foudres to build harmony and structure.

TASTING NOTES

This wine is deep ruby in colour with aromas of black cherry, violets, white pepper and roasted herbs on the nose. The palate is powerful yet elegant, with ripe tannins and an energetic finish.

Grape Varieties
40% Grenache
30% Mourvèdre
20% Syrah
10% Cinsault

Winemaker	Famille Perrin
Closure	Natural Cork
ABV	13.5%
Residual Sugar	0.7g/L
Acidity	4.75g/L
Wine pH	3.62
Bottle Sizes	75cl
Notes	Certified Organic, Vegetarian, Practising Biodynamic, Vegan