

Boutinot 'Les Coteaux', Côtes du Rhône Villages



Producer: Domaine Boutinot Rhône
Winemaker: Boutinot France winemaking team
Country of Origin: France
Region of Origin: Rhone
Grapes: Grenache Noir 85%, Syrah 15%
ABV: 13.5%
Case Size: 6x75cl
Vintage: 2013
Suitable For: Vegetarians and Vegans
Closure Type: Cork



The One-Liner

Immediately impressive this wine reveals its class from the start.

Tasting Note

Brambly fruit underpinned by subtle oaky nuances, lovely sweet spice; warm star anise with a touch of cinnamon. This classic Côtes du Rhône Villages is enriched with specially-selected parcels from the cru vineyards of Séguret, Sablet and Cairanne.

Producer Details

Our love affair with the southern Rhône is both enduring and unswerving. We believe to our marrow that we can make great wine here. And for this reason, we have bought our first vineyard in France, here in the southern Rhône – in the village of Cairanne, you'll not be surprised to learn! Ten years ago we first glimpsed the potential of the vineyards of Cairanne when we released our 2000 vintage of La Côte Sauvage. Now we have several plots of old vines we can call our own and begin to realise our dream of making even better wine. Over the past decade or so we have built enviable relationships with a network of local growers and we will of course continue to source grapes and wine from their trove of prized vineyards for our full range of Rhône wines.

In The Vineyard

Common practice in the Côtes du Rhône is to bottle the best cuvées as a single named Village wine and the rest as basic Rhône Villages. Boutinot's philosophy, on the other hand, is to start with the intention of making the very best Côtes du Rhône Villages possible by sourcing wine from the vineyards of named villages and enriching them with a small proportion of barrel-aged wine from Sablet, Séguret & Cairanne. Boutinot Rhne 'Les Coteaux' is therefore a selection of the best Grenache & Syrah from some of the 17 named Côtes du Rhône Villages. Eric Monnin sources wine from a number of growers with exceptional terroir allowing him the flexibility to select only the very best fruit each vintage and reject parcels which do not meet our high standards.

In The Winery

Côtes du Rhône Villages enriched with barrels of 'classified' named Village wine from Cairanne, Sablet and Séguret. Mostly unoaked, a small proportion (15%) is part aged for 22 months in a few new but mostly older oak barrels to bring depth

Food Recommendations

A delicious accompaniment to grilled meats, heart-warming casseroles or a classic shepherd's pie.

and subtle notes of complexity.

Awards & Press

2013 Vintage: IWSC 2016 - Bronze

2012 Vintage: 'The Wine Merchant Top 100' 2015

2012 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2015 - Bronze

2012 Vintage: IWC 2015 - Bronze

2012 Vintage: International Wine Challenge 2014 - Silver

2011 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2014 - Silver

2010 Vintage: The Wine Merchant 'Top 50' 2013

2012 Vintage: "According to Boutinot, "common practice" in the Rhône is to use the best fruit and bottle it as a named village, and use the remaining, lesser grapes to make a straight Côtes du Rhône Villages. Boutinot, by contrast, turns that on its head, sourcing the best fruit from the Rhône's 17 villages and topping it up with small doses of barrel-aged wine from Sablet, Séguret and Cairrane. Such is the recipe for Les Coteaux, which, in the words of the Top 100 judges, is a "great example of a Villages wine that has well-balanced ripe black cherry fruit, soft tannins and is right on the money". " The Wine Merchant 'Top 100' 2015, Judges Comments

2012 Vintage: "'Sweet Grenache fruit on the nose and palate. Simple and rather pleasing,' said team leader Martin Lam, with Roger Jones of The Harrow at Little Bedwyn adding: 'Clean, bright and precise, blackcurrant cordial, fresh and lively with notes of saddle leather.'" Sommelier Wine Awards 2015, Judges Comments

2011 Vintage: "Ripe and round, with red and blue fruits, a hint of spice and earthy notes" Sommelier Wine Awards 2014, Judges Comments

2010 Vintage: "Bright and clean dark berry fruit. Not at all confected, but warm, sweet and welcoming. Incredibly drinkable, with the sensation of biting into a ripe strawberry and letting the juice run down your chin. Fresh, bright, and superb value." Judges Comments, The Wine Merchant 'Top 50' 2013

2010 Vintage: " 'Plenty of red fruit and some intensity with fine tannins and fresh, juicy acidity. Long finish,' said Hakkasan's Christine Parkinson. 'Full-bodied with some spicy complexity – chunky, chewy and satisfying,' said Winetec's Tim Wildman MW." Sommelier Wine Awards 2013, Judges Comments

2010 Vintage: 88 Points in The Rhône Report. "The 2010 Les Côteaux has classic Côtes du Rhône aromas and flavors of currants, ground pepper, tobacco leaf, and spice to go with a medium-bodied, fresh and lively palate. Showing the vintage purity and freshness, with ripe tannin, it is a solid, delicious effort that will drink nicely for 3-5 years". Jeb Dunnuck, March 2013