

## DOMAINE ROGER PERRIN CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES CUVÉE VIEILLES VIGNES

Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Intense garnet-red color. Complex aromas of garrigue, summer fruit, blackcurrant, blackberry and peppery spice aromas, along with delicate hints of blond tobacco. Very well-structured mouth featuring lots of fruit, garrigue and dominant pepper notes. Generous, mouth-filling middle palate and a long, persistent finish.

This prestigious Cuvée is made using grapes from selected old vines growing on plots that are very close to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. The average age of the vines is 60 years; some of this part of the vineyard was first planted by one of the family's forebears in the 1910s. The grapes are hand-harvested at optimal ripeness. Each cluster is carefully sorted and the grapes are entirely destemmed. They are then chilled to 54°F to undergo cold soaking in order to extract as much fruit flavor and color as possible. After this, they are put into stainless steel vats, punched down and subjected to temperature-controlled fermentation. The fermentation process is 15 to 20 days. Aged 12 to 15 months in vats before bottling.

Domaine Roger Perrin, is a 100 acre family estate in the very heart of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape where vineyard knowledge has been handed down over generations. The Domaine really came into its own when the late Roger Perrin took over from his father-in-law in 1968. He created a new wine cellar in 1972 and began bottling and selling his wines himself. In 1986 he was succeeded by his wife Yvette and his son, wine-maker Luc Perrin, who continued to make dramatic improvements. A passionate winegrower, Luc contributed greatly to the international development of the Domaine. Tragically Luc died at an early age in 2010. His sister Véronique Perrin-Rolin, an enthusiastic oenologist, arrived on the estate for the 2010 harvest. Véronique's son Xavier Rolin began working on the Domaine in 2012. Véronique and Xavier perpetuate the work of Luc and Roger by combining observation, respect for nature and knowledge. The Domaine offers a wide range of wines with great finesse and a beautiful expression, in the tradition of Châteauneuf du Pape and for the pleasure of everyonel

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## Tasting Note:

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Grenache, Syrah & Mourvèdre. Aromas of herbs, summer fruit, blackcurrant, blackberry & pepper with tobacco & animal fur; flavors of fruit, herbs & pepper; well structured & generous; long finish.

## Shelf Talker:



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