



BOSQUET DES PAPES

Region: Southern Rhône (Vaucluse) Village: Châteauneuf du Pape

Winemaker: Nicolas Boiron

Property: 29.5 hectares Châteauneuf du Pape, and 3.5 hectares Côtes du Rhône

Les Bosquets des Papes has been a working vineyard in Châteauneuf du Pape since 1860. Founded by the Boiron family, the domaine has been owned by the same family for 6 generations. For a period of time, the estate produced and sold their wine under the name of Clos Chantemerle. That practice began in 1936. The name was changed to Les Bosquets des Papes in 1966.

The Southern Rhone Valley vineyards of Bosquet des Papes are like many estates, spread out over the appellation. In all, their vines are located in forty separate plots in Chateaneuf du Pape. They own old vines, While the average age of their vines is close to 50 years. The current generation, Nicolas Boiron, took control of the domaine in 1995.

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE 'CHANTE LE MERLE'

80% Grenache, 10% Cinsault and 10% Mourvèdre

Soil: Clay and limestone with galets roulés.

The vines range from 80 to 90 years old selection from choice parcels.

The grapes are 0% destemmed and vinified in concrete tank for 35 days. The wine is then aged in foudres and demi-muids for 12 to 18 months before bottling.

The red and white grapes are entirely picked by hand and sorted for the first time on the stump where the harvester has two buckets. A second sorting of grapes is carried out on the platform of the tractor which will bring them to the cellar. A classic winemaking process follows; however, nothing is left to chance: temperatures are controlled, the fermentation musts are pumped up to give enough air to the yeasts, the marc is drawn to extract all the material. available... pressing in a pneumatic press... nothing more traditional but you just have to know how to do it at the right time.

