CHÂTEAU FORTIA

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

Owner : Pierre and Chantal Pastre General Manager: Anna Olejnik

Winemaker : Sandra Rochel

Property: 36 Hectares

Baron Pierre LeRoy de Boiseaumarie (1890-1967) was born into a military family in Northern France. Educated as a lawyer, Pierre was forced to participate in the first World War where he medaled for being a pilot. In 1919, Pierre married Melle Bernard Le Saint, the owner of Chateau Fortia. The estate fell on tough times after the war.

Pierre was also a crucial figure in the development of the AOC system that came about in the 1930's. Today Pierre's 3rd generation descendants own the property.

Sandra Rochelle was appointed winemaker in 2015, ushering in a renaissance of quality driven production at the château.

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE ROUGE 'TRADITION'

55% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre

After the grapes are hand harvested, they are brought into the winery and 90% destemmed. From there, the grapes are transferred to concrete and steel vats for fermentation and maceration that lasts 4-5 weeks.

The wine is then aged in 2000-liter Foudres for 18-24 months before being bottled.

This cuvée was first introduced in 2001 in honor of the Baron Pierre Le Roy de Boiseaumarié.