

CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE: PÈRE CABOCHÉ RED

Style

Red, Dry, Medium bodied

Region

Southern Rhône

Wine Maker

Jean-Pierre & Emily Boisson

Appellation

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, on the east bank, 18 km north of Avignon.

Cepage

70% Grenache Noir, 10% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre, and small quantities of Cinsault, Counoise, Muscardin, Vaccarèse and Terret Noir.

Tasting Note

'The charismatic mayor of Chateauneuf du Pape, Jean-Pierre Boisson, bottles early and makes some of the most delicious and alluring wines of the appellation. They are not meant for long-term aging, but rather to be drunk in their first 5-8 years of life.'

Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate

Serve

A versatile food wine ideally suited to grills, stews, game and cheeses

Cellarage

Drinks well from the off and up to 8 years from vintage.

Vinification

The grapes are hand harvested from 40-60 year-old-vines and put in shallow buckets to protect the fruit from being crushed prematurely. The Syrah and Cinsault remain uncrushed while the other varieties are lightly crushed prior to fermentation. The grapes are then fermented in large thermo-regulated stainless steel vats 21 days prior to filtering and bottling.

History

For generations the Boisson family had been both wine makers and blacksmiths. Jean-Pierre's mother helped establish an interest in wine which subsequently led to him becoming a wine maker and his daughter, Emily, has now joined him in the profession. The family nickname of Caboché derives from the old Provençal word for 'horseshoe nails'. The wine is named after Elisabeth Chambellan, a local blacksmith's daughter who married Jean-Louis Boisson in 1772.

The town itself is named after the castle of Pope John the 22nd that was built there between 1318 and 1333. Having survived centuries of conflict it was almost entirely destroyed by retreating German forces in August 1944

