

DOMAINE JEAN-LOUIS CHAVE

MAUVES EN ARDÈCHE - FRANCE

PROFILE

The Chave family is based in a small village on the northern right bank of the Rhone. There have been Chaves growing vines on the famous Hermitage hill since 1481. Gerard Chave took over from his father in 1970 and rapidly achieved megastar status due to the extraordinary quality of his wines and has since passed on the winemaking responsibilities to his son Jean-Louis. Their unmatched meticulousness continues through five centuries to render venerable expressions of the purest of Rhône terroir.

Though the Côtes-du-Rhône is technically made from purchased fruit, Chave generally has financed his sources and takes their grapes by a métayage (sharecropping) arrangement. He has more or less complete control over the farming, which is organic. The grapes are shipped to Chave's facility inside his Saint-Joseph Le Clos site in Mauves. Fermentation is in stainless steel tanks and élevage is in an assortment of new and old barrels, demi-muids and large foudres at the magnificently restored cellar at Le Clos.

At the conclusion of élevage, the wines are assembled and transported to the original "Selections Cellar" next to the Domaine where the wines undergo filtration, collage, etc. and are bottled. Total production is approximately 15,000 cases.

SPECIFICATIONS

Wine: J.L. Chave Sélection Côtes-du-Rhône "Mon Coeur"

Varietals: 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre/Cinsault

Appellation: Côtes-du-Rhône AOC

Vineyard Age: 20-60 years

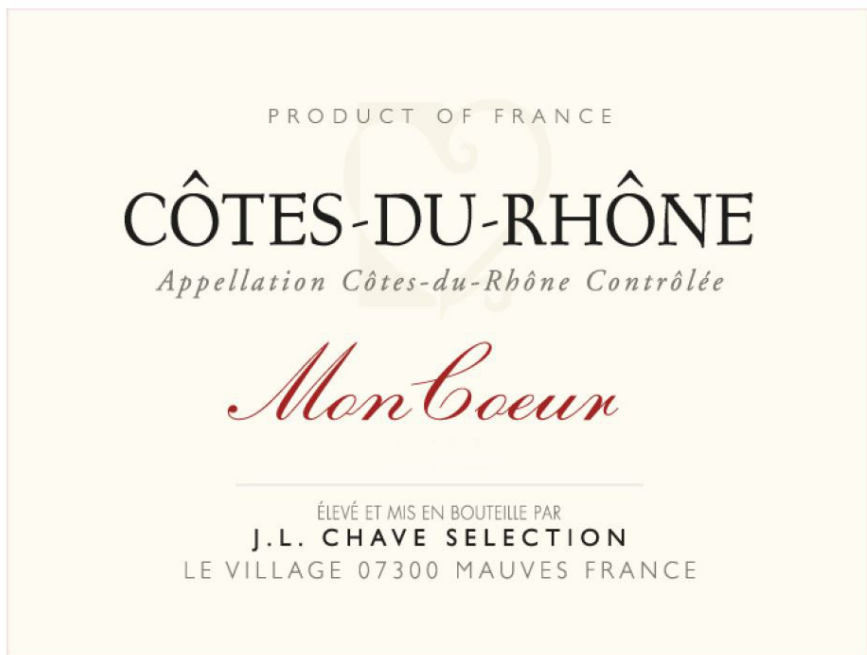
Vineyards:

Visan: This area became a papal possession in 1344 and enjoys exclusive status to this day. It is effectively an enclave, a piece of Vaucluse surrounded by the département of Drôme. Planted in clay-limestone soils, the vines yield red wines that are stylish and elegant.

Vinsobres: Situated on the plateau of Vinsobres to the southeast of the village of Valréas, this vineyard lies in the middle of an area known as the "Enclave des Papes". The vines (100% Syrah) are planted at nearly 900 feet in altitude on a clay soil which is extremely rich in limestone. Due to its high altitude and septentrional location, the vineyard yields a wine with incredible purity, definition, and focus.

Cairanne: Located very near the Enclave des Papes, Cairanne is a small village with a classic Mediterranean climate that produces full-flavored red wines. It was promoted to cru status in early 2016.

Rasteau: Used in select vintages. One of the best regions in Côtes-du-Rhône, Rasteau is located in the northern part of the appellation and is known for its concentrated wines, with these grapes adding structure and weight to the blend.



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