



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO CHÂTEAUNEUF du PAPE “LES BARTAVELLES” (The Royal Partridges)

Hailed as the winemaking wizard of the Rhône, Jean-Luc Colombo has achieved a high-profile international reputation for making innovative wines that are original, memorable and bursting with personality. Despite a resolute aversion to change in the Cornas region, Colombo has brazenly introduced innovative methods in his vineyards and throughout the production process based on a respect for nature and his fundamental belief that good wine is the culmination of three key elements: terroir, human endeavor and modern winemaking techniques.

The result? A more accessible style of Rhône Valley wines, reflecting an exuberance of fruit and depth of expression and showcasing the full potential of the Syrah grape when grown in the unique terroir of Cornas. Through his intense dedication, Colombo has brought the wines of Cornas into the international limelight.

The company now embraces wines representing major appellations of the Rhône Valley as well as the Languedoc and Roussillon regions of southern France.



PRODUCTION AREA

Country: France
Region: Rhone Valley
Appellation: Châteauneuf du Pape AOC

This wine has its origins in one of the best terroirs consisting of river pebbles in Châteauneuf du Pape. All work in the vineyards is done manually and without the use of pesticides or irrigation, respecting the local environment.

GRAPE VARIETIES

45% Syrah, 35% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre

WINEMAKER

Jean-Luc Colombo, considered a « Revolutionary Enologist » by Robert Parker, works closely with his wife, Anne and daughter, Laure to craft award-winning wines from the South of France.

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

The wine undergoes 4 days of pre-fermentation maceration followed by 7 days of fermentation in steel vats at a controlled temperature of 82.4°F. There is then a 3 week period of maceration at 86°F. The juice is free run, and spends 18 months in one-, two- and three-year-old oak barrels. The wine is not filtered but is fined.

DESCRIPTION

Color: Dark purple
Aroma: Lovely scents of ripe red fruit, licorice and sweet spice
Taste: A powerful and full-bodied wine with rich notes of blueberry, wild herbs and lots of spice. The palate is mature and rich with velvety tannins, ending with a long finish.

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 13.5% RS: <1 g/L pH: 3.63

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Pairs exceptionally well with game, hearty stews, steaks and Italian dishes.

BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml

