

La Ferme du Mont « Capelan » Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOP



At the heart of France's Southern Rhône Valley, across storied appellations such as Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gigondas, Vacqueyras, and Côtes du Rhône, lies the 50-hectare estate of La Ferme Du Mont - a jewel of biodynamic viticulture and authentic winemaking. The estate is led by Stéphane Vedeau, a third-generation winemaker and former professional soccer player whose leap into viticulture in 2000 has earned him critical acclaim and a loyal global following.

Stéphane Vedeau farms organically, allowing the vines to thrive in soils rich with limestone, sand and clay. He guides his wines with a minimalist touch - native yeasts, gentle extraction and patient aging. From the wild herbs that scent the vineyards to the stones that shape the vines, every bottle from La Ferme du Mont captures the essence of its origin.

Stéphane Vedeau's signature wines are not just Rhône wines - they are Rhône stories, told with honesty and style.

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About this wine

Appellation/Region: Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOP, Southern Rhône, France.

Grape variety: 80 % Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre.

Alcohol content: 15 %

Location/Climate/Soil: Grapes come from a single, exceptional parcel located on the famed La Crau plateau, one of the highest and most prestigious terroirs in the appellation. Soils are classic "*galets roulés*" (large, rounded stones) resting over a deep subsoil of red clay and limestone. Optimal sun exposure.

Farming practices: Sustainable/biodynamic inspired viticulture.

Vinification: Hand-harvested grapes. Vinification in temperature-controlled concrete vats, favoring a slow, natural fermentation with indigenous yeasts. Long maceration with gentle extraction. Aging for 18-24 months in a mix of very large ("*foudres*") and medium large ("*demi-muids*") oak barrels (30%) and concrete vats (70%), avoiding excessive oak influence. Bottled with no filtration.

Tasting notes: Deep garnet appearance with violet reflections. On the nose, intensely aromatic with layers of black cherry, kirsch, dried herbs, licorice, graphite, and subtle notes of violet and smoked tea. On the palate, powerful yet precise, with a braid, layered structure and silky tannins. Bursting with dark fruit, crushed rock minerality and savory spice. The finish is long, fresh and profound, promising superb aging potential (10-20 years after release).

Food pairings: Ideal with rack of lamb with rosemary, braised duck or game meats, aged cheeses, or hearty Mediterranean dishes and stews featuring herbs and spices.

Scores/Awards: Constantly praised by leading critics.
95-97 pts – Jeb Dunnuck (multiple vintages)
94-96+ pts – Robert Parker's Wine Advocate
95 pts – Decanter (2020).

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