



CHÂTEAU BEAUCASTEL CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC ROUSSANNE OLD VINES 2023

£218.00

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While the Château de Beaucastel's history dates back to 1549, the estate's modern story begins with its purchase by the Perrin family, stalwarts of the Rhône Valley and pioneers in winemaking innovation. Château de Beaucastel was one of the earliest adopters of biodynamic viticulture, gaining certification in 1974, and continues to craft sumptuous wines that reflect a deep respect for the terroir.

Beaucastel's 110 hectares of vineyards are in one single plot at the North of the appellation. Defined by the archetypal feature of Châteauneuf, galets rous – large pebbles that absorb heat during the day and release it at night, guaranteeing optimum ripening. Château de Beaucastel has 7 hectares of white varieties, planted on molasse seabed of the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles).

With fairly standard but slightly late weather conditions, the 2023 vintage is showing great potential with superb freshness. The fairly dry winter was followed by a relatively humid spring but with wind allowing to maintain good health. Budburst was a little late and this slight shift in the vine cycle lasted until the harvest. The summer was quite dry, and slightly cooler allowing the grapes to ripen nicely, despite a short heat wave in mid-August which completed the ripening of the berries. The harvest began on August 24th for the whites and on the 28th for the reds, and took place in idyllic conditions until September 5th. With magnificent berries, the vatting was quite short with great extractions. The first tastings reveal wines with great potential and astonishing freshness.

Very old Roussanne grapes, over a century old are hand picked in small cases and sorted, pneumatically pressed. Settling of the juices and fermentation (30% in oak, 70% tanks). Bottled after 8 months.

Château de Beaucastel Vieilles Vignes Roussanne is considered as one of the greatest white wines in France, only 6000 bottles of this wine are produced. It's made with 100% very old Roussanne vines and harvested slightly over ripe. This exceptional wine must be drunk within 3 years or after 15 years. To be enjoyed with gastronomic cuisine.

