

**TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
REGISTRATION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION**

NAME OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

PRODUCT CATEGORY

Wine

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

France

APPLICANT

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PROTECTION IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

Date of Protection in the European Union: 18.9.1973

Date of Protection in the Member State: Decree of May 15, 1936 (published in the Official Gazette on May 17, 1936)

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

- **Raw Material**

bourboulenc B, brun argenté N (locally named « vaccarèse »), cinsaut N, clairette B, clairette rose Rs, counoise N, grenache blanc B, grenache gris G, grenache N, mourvèdre N, muscardin N, picardan B, piquepoul blanc B, piquepoul gris G, piquepoul noir N, roussanne B, syrah N, terret noir N

- **Alcohol content :**

Mín. 12.5% vol

- **Physical Appearance**

Red and white wine

DESCRIPTION OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The geographical area extending over 5 municipalities located in the south of France, on the west side of the river Rhone. The area covered by the appellation of Châteauneuf -du -Pape - 3200 acres that were established between 1924 and 1929 - corresponds to a geographical unit (plateau), with a great diversity of soil . The inland seas of the secondary and tertiary eras had deposited successive layers of sediment that now constitute the basement of the vineyard. During the end of the Tertiary , the Rhône down the famous round pebbles of the Alps in the famous geological terraces " Villafranchien " (" villafranchienses "). The landscape ran during the Quaternary glacial

period when the waters of the Rhone formed the highest vineyard terraces .. Combined seas recoil and action river erosion has sculpted relief terraces and hills stretching far as the actual course of the Rhone . The stony ground provides Châteauneuf -du -Pape wine predominantly active . The vineyards benefit from long periods of sunshine (an average of 1000 hours of sun in the summer , 7 hours per day at 25 ° C) and the effect of the mistral wind that reduces rainfall.

LINK WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

Delimited area for harvest includes parcels that have soils with numerous boulders mixed with a reddish clay matrix , such as the famous villafranquienses terraces and sandy soils and arenácea texture.

The interaction between the Mediterranean climate, hot and dry in summer, and this stony ground gives back overnight the heat stored day by boulders, favoring a full maturity and concentration fruit .

In addition, dry weather, reinforced by the action of the mistral wind, limits the development of fungal diseases and promotes good health of the grape harvest. Under these conditions, winegrowers have allowed the control of production, resulting in a low yield (35 hectoliters per hectare), and full respect for the potential of the raw material, in particular by enforcing the obligation of manual harvesting and selection of vintage, favoring the concentration and maturation.

This expert vineyard management goes hand in hand with the technical knowledge of producers, acquired over generations. Their knowledge of the various soils and subsoils and the mixing of varieties, reveals the richness of the reds and whites, their structure, suitability for aging, concentration, richness and complexity.

Proud of this history the producers keep watch over the identity of their wines and, through it, their own identity and heritage. Sales outside the borders of the country and for export, always seeking new markets, testifies the to will of the producers and accounts for most of the production. Most sales are by bottle.

SPECIFIC RULES FOR LABELLING, IN CASE THESE EXIST

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