

Ch Maucoil Chateauneuf du Pape Privilege

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: France

REGION: Rhone

APPELLATION: Chateauneuf-du-Pape

CEPAGE: 50% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 12% Mourvedre, 8% Cinsault, 5% Clairette

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested and sorted, vinified together, pump-over and punch-down fermentation for 30 days.

AGING: 12-18mo in oak, several years in bottle

THE STORY

The history of Château Maucoil began several centuries ago. Ancient documents state that its first occupants were Romans and that they set up a base there for Caesar's legions. Later, Joseph de La Pise, Lord of Maucoil and archivist of the House of Orange-Nassau, the Dutch royal family, inherited the estate and the castle which was built in 1624. From then on, winegrowing became an intrinsic part of the history of Château Maucoil. A series of illustrious families successively took over the reins of the estate and helped to establish its reputation. Already owners of another Château, the Arnaud family, several generations of whom were born and raised in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, decided to purchase the estate in 1995. Bénédicte, the youngest daughter of the Arnaud family, took charge.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Powerful & Complex

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Cherrywood, violets, black olive, tobacco

MOUTHFEEL: Savory & Intense

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 96pts WE

SUSTAINABILITY: Organic In Practice

PAIRINGS: Decant for 1 hr, serve with festive holiday meals

