

Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2021

Château de Beaucastel, one of the most renowned estates in the Rhône Valley, has established itself as a benchmark for producing wines of exceptional quality and character. Located just outside the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, Coudoulet de Beaucastel is often considered the "baby Beaucastel," delivering impressive depth and complexity. The 2021 vintage offers a fresh and balanced wine that showcases the estate's commitment to excellence.



General Information

- **Producer:** Château de Beaucastel
- **Appellation:** Côtes-du-Rhône, France
- **Varietal Composition:** 40% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 14.5%
- **Volume:** 750ml



Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Situated just east of the main Beaucastel vineyard.
- **Soil Type:** The vineyard is based on a molasse seabed from the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles), identical to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape vineyard, contributing to the wine's complexity and structure.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Organic farming practices are employed, focusing on maintaining soil health and vineyard biodiversity.



Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Each variety is harvested manually and separately to ensure optimal ripeness.
- **Vinification:** The grapes were fermented in cement tanks, with the skins heated to 80°C and cooled to 20°C. Traditional maceration was performed over 12 days. After pressing in pneumatic presses, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation.
- **Aging:** The wine was aged in large oak foudres for 6 months, allowing it to develop structure and complexity.



Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Beautiful limpid-garnet red color with shiny reflections.
- **Aroma:** Elegant and subtle aromas of fresh red berries with hints of spice.
- **Palate:** Displays a balanced structure with fresh red fruit flavors, fine tannins, and a touch of minerality. The finish is long and persistent with excellent balance.
- **Finish:** A smooth and lingering finish with a mix of fruit and mineral nuances.
- **Aging potential:** Can be enjoyed now but also has the potential to age gracefully for up to 10-15 years.



Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Ideal with roasted meats, game, rich stews, and dishes featuring Mediterranean herbs



Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- **Organic Farming:** Château de Beaucastel practices organic farming across all its vineyards.
- **Biodiversity:** Focus on promoting biodiversity, maintaining vineyard health, and minimizing chemical interventions.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Sustainable practices include renewable energy usage, emphasizing a lower carbon footprint.



Awards and Recognition

- **Wine Advocate:** 92 points – praised for its complex aromas of sunbaked stones, black cherries, licorice, and hints of purple raspberries and dark chocolate. The medium to full-bodied palate is lush and velvety, finishing long and complex.
- **Decanter:** Commended for its consistency and quality, showcasing the excellence of the Beaucastel estate.

Producer's Notes

Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2021 is a testament to Château de Beaucastel's commitment to producing wines of exceptional quality. This wine showcases the estate's unique terroir and meticulous winemaking, making it a standout in the Côtes-du-Rhône appellation.