



# LOUIS BERNARD

As of 1976, Mr Bernard traveled throughout the Rhône Valley in search of exceptional winegrowers producing wines of great authenticity and true to their **terroir**. Since then, close partnerships have been established with more than 20 respected vineyard owners. 40 years later, the Louis Bernard spirit is still alive and has been given a new inspiration thanks to a young and dynamic team established in the village of Gigondas. **Generous, convivial, accessible** are the descriptions that come to mind when discovering these inspiring wines.

**With Louis Bernard wines, enhance every moment!**

## CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE

### The spirit of Louis Bernard

**Sylvain Jean**, the Louis Bernard winemaker, and our **winegrower partners** are committed to sustainable agriculture and earth-friendly policies.



**Sylvain** is convinced that the quality of a wine depends above all on the selection of the fruit in respect of the environment. Together they guarantee the 'Louis Bernard style' is very much focused on **Grenache**, the king of grape varieties in the **southern Rhône Valley**.



**CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE** is the most **prestigious** southern Rhône appellation. In the **14th century** the **Papacy** moved in Avignon and chose Châteauneuf du Pape as a summer residence where they promoted the culture of the vines. The wines derive their special character from specific conditions. There are the round red and cream-colored stones or «**galets**» left in the soil by ancient **Alpine glaciers**. During the day these «**galets**» absorb the heat and then redistribute it to the vines at night, thus increasing maturity and **richness**. The vines here also benefit from the cleansing **Mistral** wind, which helps keep them dry and disease-free.





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## CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE 2020



### Grape Varieties

Grenache - Syrah - Mourvèdre

### Vintage 2020

Throughout the year, the planets were perfectly aligned: winter rains to replenish the soil, no frost and a warm summer without excessive heat. These ideal climatic conditions produced **magnificent grapes** with an early ripening and an excellent sanitary state.

A remarkable vintage as much by the quality of the berries as by the length of the harvest! (8 weeks)

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### Winemaking

Each grape variety was vinified separately. Grapes were destemmed. Fermentation started with natural yeast. Pumping-over was done 2 to 3 times a day. Maceration lasted for 15 to 20 days to extract as much color and tannin as possible. At the end of the alcoholic fermentation, the wine was racked-off before undergoing the malo-lactic fermentation. Maturation for 10 months in vats and partly in oak. The final blend was made just before bottling. **Vegan wine.**

### Tasting notes

"Powerfully lifted black pepper, rose petal, red cherry, forest floor, liquorice, baking spice and herbal aromatics.

Really **complex**, but still with some polished, soft fruits and a touch more oak spice on the palate. Finishes **lengthily**. Well-made and youthful, with time to go."

**DWWA 2020 - Gold - 96 points**

### Service & food pairing

It can be enjoyed young or cellar up to 10 years.  
Open 2 hours before serving between 13° -15°C (56° - 59°F).  
Perfect with game, duck filet or spicy dishes.