



DOMAINE DU BANNERET

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

This ancient 8 acres vineyard traces its origins clear back to 1405! The coat of arms on the label is that of the Bertet family, *seigneurs de la Cluse*. In 1625, Jean Gaspard Bertet de la Cluse, was commander of the then colony of Illinois in what was greater French Louisiana! Today, Banneret belongs to a Bertet descendant, Mr Jean-Claude Vidal.

The Lilliputian property is situated in the very heart of Châteauneuf in the characteristic, *galet-covered*, soil. **Grenache Noir** forms the base of the *encépagement* with **Mourvèdre** adding backbone and spice. Many of the vines are an amazing 80 years old or more! Yields are thus a parsimonious 20-25 hls/ha (1.4-1.8 tons/acre) and the wines, consequently concentrated.

Winemaking is thoroughly traditional: fermentation of the unstemmed fruit takes place in small tanks and the maceration period is lengthy. The fermented wine is aged in barrels and oak ovals for at least 16 months. This is ultra-traditional, concentrated, flavorful Châteauneuf. Unfortunately, total annual production never exceeds a scant **1000 cases** and is more often closer to just 400!

GOVERNMENT WARNING : (1) ACCORDING TO THE SURGEON GENERAL, WOMEN SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING PREGNANCY BECAUSE OF THE RISK OF BIRTH DEFECTS. (2) CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IMPAIRS YOUR ABILITY TO DRIVE A CAR OR OPERATE MACHINERY, AND MAY CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS.

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This prestigious wine has been elaborated and aged according to ancestral methods, such as natural filtration. After a couple years of aging, a deposit happens inside the bottle, which is normal and insures the quality.

RED RHONE WINE
ALC. 14.5 % BY VOL.

PRODUCT OF FRANCE
750 ML