

2015 Château de Bord ½ Caseproduct-pdf - Côtes du Rhône Villages Laudun, France - Châteauneuf-du-Pape Winery Direct Exclusive

Why We're Drinking It

For a taste of majestic Châteauneuf du Pape-like complexity at a price that's decidedly down to earth, this Winery Direct steal is unbeatable. While big-name estates in the Rhone continue to inflate the cost of their wines, banking on reputations forged decades ago, Château de Bord has emerged from obscurity only recently with a lineup of killer and bargain-priced Rhone wines. "This Châteauneuf based estate continues to go from strength to strength, and they fashion a bevy of beautiful wines from throughout the Southern Rhône. In almost all cases, the wines over-deliver," writes the Wine Advocate.

The winery's 2015 Côtes du Rhone Villages is a classic blend of Grenache and Syrah, partially aged in French oak and partially in a combination of concrete and massive 100-year-old casks—giving the wine that perfect mix of vibrant, violet-scented berry fruit and secondary notes of coffee bean, garrigue and spice.

- The 2015 vintage in the Southern Rhone was rated 93 points by the Wine Advocate and 92 points or "Excellent" by the Wine Enthusiast.
- This Côtes du Rhône Villages is sourced from vines in the village of Laudun. The terroir here is rich in fossils of oysters and other shells left by the retreating sea in the Mesozoic era, some 250 to 65 million years ago.
- The origin of the actual château de Bord goes all the way back to Roman times and was later passed from the Catholic church to the Count of Toulouse before a period of disuse and neglect in the wake of the French Revolution.
- Sustainable viticulture is practiced at Château de Bord and grapes are 100% hand picked both to protect the land from the potentially harmful effects of tractors and to ensure only perfectly ripe grape bunches are brought into the winery.

Tasting Notes

From the winery:

Suppleness and Finesse. Ample and elegant with apparent yet soft tannins. Flavours of wild berries and black cherries. The finale is remarkably long.

VARIETAL

Grenache and Syrah

APPELLATION

Côtes du Rhône Villages Laudun, France

ALCOHOL

13.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Grenache and Syrah

The Story to Know

From the winery:

Built in Roman times, Château de Bord in the village of Laudun belonged to the Vicars of Uzes during the 11th century and later by the Count of Toulouse. It was abandoned after the French Revolution in 1789 and changed hands several times until it was purchased in 1991 by the Brotte family, who saw incredible potential in its surrounding vines. Walls of a medieval castle with tall stature overlook the vines. Situated on a south facing hillside, the vineyard is spread over 22ha of terraces. Its soil is a well drained mixture of clay and limestone and is rich in fossils of oysters and other sea shells left by the retreating sea in the Mesozoic era, some 250 to 65 million years ago.

Perfect Pairings

From the winery:

Serve at 17°C.

Lamb stew with olives, beef with truffle sauce, beef tartare with "cèpes" risotto, chocolate pie

Ratings

93 *Insider* Points

Reviews

Day 1 It Was Fantastic. Day 2 The Quality Holds.

That's a typical factor in my ratings. It's in letting the wine breath for a day and seeing how it changes that we see where the true artisans standing. I popped this wine open last night and was a big fan. It's the wines that I like most that I want to see last a while. On the 2nd day, this 2015 from Brotte delivered exactly what I was hoping for. It's a wine that makes me stop typing to say "MM! So good".

Beautiful savory aromas of cherry, violet flowers and pistachio. Medium-full bodied with flavors of cranberry, red currant, cedar and cinnamon. Finishes with the savory elegance that got it started. A great value for what's in the bottle. Drinking now through 2022. *93 Points - JZ Sept '18*