



CHÂTEAU SAINT-MAURICE

Côtes Du Rhône Villages Laudun 2009

the growers

This property includes a stunning 16th century château, a renovated silk factory that functions as the cave, and 120 hectares of vines in the rural communities of Laudun and Saint Laurent des Arbres. In 1969, after leaving his vineyards in North Africa, Andre Valat acquired the estate, which included 35 hectares, and expanded the holdings to its current size. The estate is now managed by Andre's son, Christophe Valet, who follows the tenets of integrated viticulture.

their land

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Although these vineyards have been in existence since Roman times it was not until the 17th Century that they became well known. Laudun was one of the famous and traditional "Côte du Rhône Gardoise" wines. A report made by a panel of experts on the Laudun Appellation's terrain and wines enabled the Tribunal d'Uzés to define, from 1947 onwards, both the area and production conditions relating to this wine, and was, in 1967, consecrated Côtes du Rhône Villages Laudun.

the wine

50% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 10% Carignan

From an average of 35 year old vines on galets covered slopes on a base of red clay (60%) and sandy (40%) soils. Grapes are harvested at night for optimal color and ripeness. Cold fermentation and vinification in stainless steel followed by 14 months aging in tank.

Alcohol: 15%

in the glass

A powerful wine with deep, rich aromas of plums and black fruits that carry over onto a broad palate highlighted by spice and garrigue notes. Fine grained and well integrated tannins give the wine structure and balance.

