

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

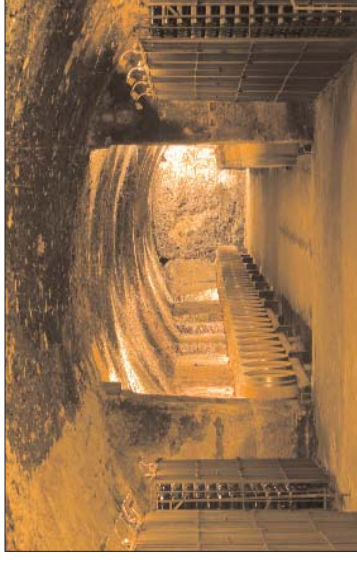
RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE



Archives affirm Château La Nerthe's existence as early as 1560, while suggesting an even more distant past dating to the dawn of the region's wine culture in the 12th century making it one of Châteauneuf's oldest estates and a benchmark producer of the region. Châteauneuf-du-Pape – means « New Castle of the Pope » referring to the time in the 14th century when the pope resided in Avignon, not in Rome.

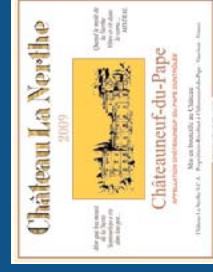
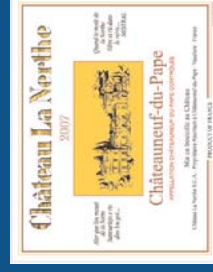
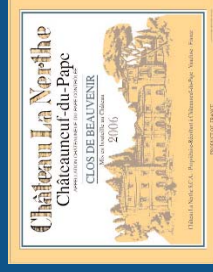
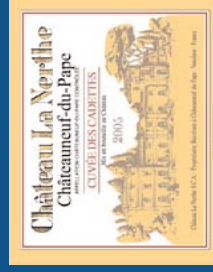
Château La Nerthe is located in the heart of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC region of southern France not far from Avignon. The 90 hectares (225 acres) of Château La Nerthe's vineyards are located in a single block around the Château and have been certified Organic since 1998. The estate benefits from a Mediterranean-type microclimate, with notably, 200 days of sunshine a year. The warmth promotes the early ripening of grapes and allows harvest to be completed during short time lapses.

In 1986 The Richard family purchased Château La Nerthe and has undergone a vast rehabilitation both in viticulture and viniculture.



The vineyard of Château La Nerthe includes 14 different grape varieties, planted each on the parcels of land that are best suited for them. Grenache dominates 62% of vineyards and the vines average over 40 years old.

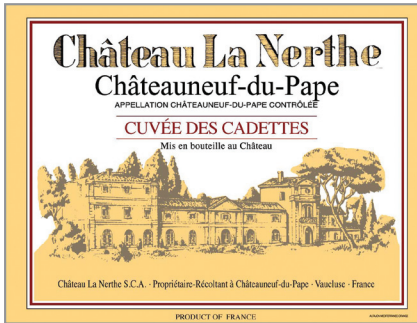
The terroir is very typical for the region: vineyards runs along a slope, at the top of which the vines dig their roots into soils of sandy-clay, on the surface there is a layer of the famous galettes, large, round, well-worn stones that originated in the Alps, having been carried down to the Rhône by the glaciers of previous ice ages. The further down the slope of the vineyard you travel, the more these stones dominate.



Cuvée des Cadettes
Clos de Beauvenir
Château La Nerthe Rouge
Château La Nerthe Blanc

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CUVÉE DES CADETTES CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE 2005

THE VINEYARD

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HARVEST & AGEING

The summer was long, warm and dry. Fortunately, September began with a single day of rain which contributed to the good balance by adding much needed acidity and allowing a wonderful phenolic maturity. The hand harvesting started on September 12th and ended September 22nd, with clear skies throughout. Grenache was the star variety of this classic vintage. Malolactic fermentation occurred in October and the wines were racked in barrels and foudres for ageing in November.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

A deep red with profound purple hints. Intense aromas with rich ripe fruits undertones, spices and various black colored berries soaked in alcohol. Well balanced on the palate with expressive hints of fig, cocoa and leather. The finish is long, complex and we note a great finesse of tannins.

Grape Varieties: Grenache 43 %, Syrah 36 %, Mourvèdre 21 %

Finished Alcohol: 14.5%

Acidity/pH: 3.65

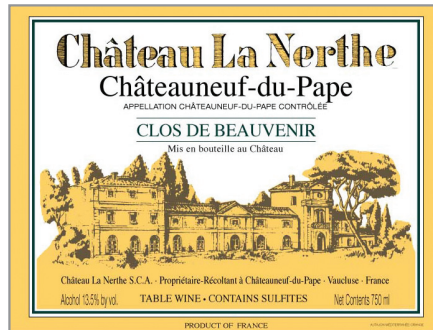
Residual Sugar: 2



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CLOS DE BEAUVENIR CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC 2009

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HARVEST & AGEING

At La Nerthe the harvest started on August 20th, our earliest start date besides 2003. There was no rain during the entire harvest, allowing us to pick each single plot at its optimal maturity. We believe this was key in gaining aromatic expression and preserving freshness in the wines of this exceptionally warm vintage. Roussane and Clairette, both from very old vines, were fermented in oak barrels whereas Grenache Blanc and Bourboulenc fermented in stainless steel tanks.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

The Roussane & Clairette for Beauvenir were both barrel fermented and wood aged. However, there is not a trace of wood in the aromatics or flavors. Orange marmalade, honeysuckle, Asian pears and spice aromas soar from the glass of this rich, full-bodied, superbly endowed white Chateauneuf du Pape. it also possesses zesty acidity as well as tremendous personality and length.

Grape Varieties: 60 % Roussane 40 % Clairette
Finished Alcohol: 13.5 %
Acidity/pH: 3.37
Residual Sugar: < 1.6



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CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

CUVÉE DES CADETTES 2005



As seen in...


eRobertParker.com
96 pts.

The Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée des Cadettes was one of the first luxury cuvees of old vines made in Chateauneuf du Pape, the first vintage originating in 1972. There are usually anywhere from 500 to 1000 cases of it. A real stunner, and just being released on the market, is the 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée des Cadettes. A magnificent wine with deep ruby/purple color, a wonderfully sweet focus, aromatics of blue and black fruits intermixed with graphite, a hint of charcoal, and some earth and subtle Provencal herbs, the wine is full-bodied and has great depth, richness, power, and stature. There is plenty of tannin to shed, as one might expect from a top 2005, but it is well-integrated, and there is more than enough concentration and fruit to balance out the wine's structural profile. Give this wine 5 years of bottle age and drink it over the following three decades. This is a monumental example of Chateauneuf du Pape.

Oct 2008

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CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

CUVÉE DES CADETTES 2005



As seen in...

Wine Spectator
95 pts.

This delivers attention-grabbing mocha and cocoa aromas and offers a lush palate of juicy plum sauce, raspberry and boysenberry fruit, with licorice snap and graphite. The long, driven finish is really fine-grained, and this gains steam as it moves along. Drink now through 2025

Apr 30, 2008

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE
RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
CUVÉE DES CADETTES 2005



As seen in...

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

94pts.

Inky ruby. Exotic, opulent aromas of dark berry and cherry preserves, licorice, incense and potpourri. Extremely rich but at the same time lithe and precise, offering sweet, deep raspberry, blueberry and candied floral flavors, plus strong mineral lift. Tannins gain strength on the finish, which leaves behind a wide swath of sweet dark fruits.

Jan/Feb 09

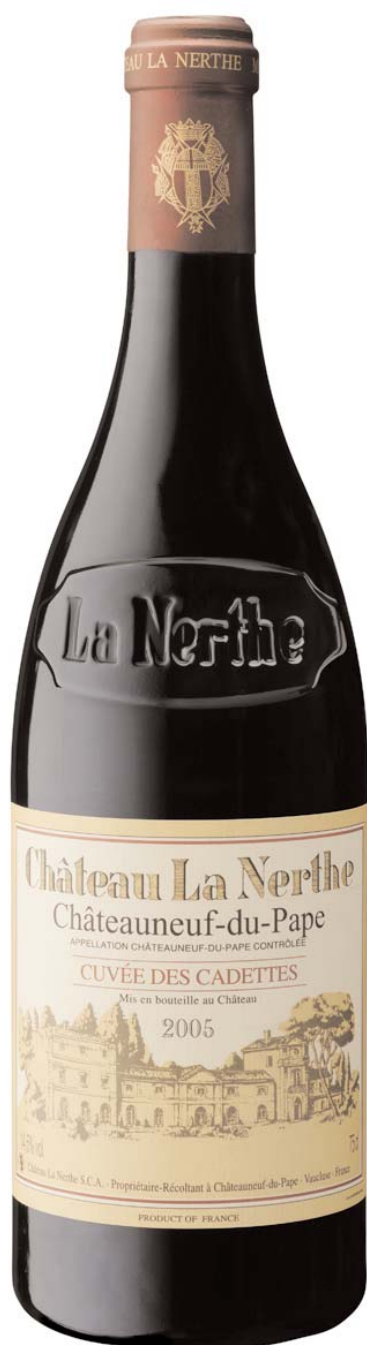
Cellar Selection

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CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

CUVÉE DES CADETTES 2005



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92 pts.

From a single vineyard originally planted in 1893, La Nerthe's Cuvée des Cadettes is always matured in new barriques. In 2005, the result is a toasty, almond-scented accent to deep plum and black cherry fruit. It's deceptively sweet and supple upfront, then gains tannic intensity on the finish.

Drink 2012–2020.

December 15, 2009

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

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CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

CLOS DE BEAUVENIR 2009



As seen in...



94pts.

The outrageously delicious 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc Clos de Beauvenir is composed of 60% Roussanne and 40% Clairette, all barrel fermented and wood aged. However, there is not a trace of wood in the aromatics or flavors.

Orange marmalade, honeysuckle, Asian pears and spice aromas soar from the glass of this rich, full-bodied, superbly endowed white Chateauneuf du Pape. It also possesses zesty acidity as well as tremendous personality and length. I am hesitant to suggest long-term aging potential given how beautiful the wine is already performing, but it will certainly evolve for 3-4 years, if not longer.

Oct 2010

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE 2007



As seen in...



93 pts.

The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape unquestionably benefitted from the declassified Cuvee des Cadettes being included in the blend. Composed of 48% Grenache, 28% Syrah, and 14% Mourvedre, 62% was barrel-aged and the rest spent time in large wood foudres before blending. Excellent aromatics of lavender, licorice, blueberry, black raspberry, and new saddle leather are followed by a ripe, full-bodied, elegant, accessible wine offering an admirable concoction of rich fruit, a substantial, full-bodied mouthfeel, and silky tannins. It should drink nicely for 12-15 years.

Oct 2009

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RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
ROUGE 2007



As seen in...

Stephen Tanzer's
INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR

92pts.

Ruby-red. Highly aromatic nose of dark berries, cherry-cola, smoky herbs and dried flowers. Deep in dark fruit flavor but lively and precise, with slow-building sweetness and a velvety texture. I like this wine's blend of richness and energy. The finish is sweet, focused and impressively incisive.

Jan/Feb 10

YEAR'S BEST RHÔNE VALLEY

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RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE
CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE
BLANC 2009



As seen in...

Wine & Spirits

92pts.

For all its oak scents and deep yellow color, this is remarkably lively, the wood infusing the fruit the way that a sprinkle of nutmeg adds another facet to a peach pie. Smooth and waxy with caramel warmth, it's rich yet not heavy, ending on a citrus note that's clean and fresh. Give it a year to meld; this should show well with next Thanksgiving's turkey.

February 2011

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

RHONE VALLEY, FRANCE

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

BLANC 2009



As seen in...



89 pts.

The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc (45% Roussanne, 46% Grenache Blanc and the rest Clairette and Bourboulenc) exhibits honeyed, waxy, white currant, melon and pear notes, crisp acidity and plenty of freshness as well as fruit. Drink it over the next several years.

Oct 2010