

CHÂTEAU DE JAU

VIGNOBLES DAURÉ
Languedoc, France



Côtes du Roussillon Villages Rouge 2008

THE VINEYARD

The Dauré family has long been acknowledged as the premier winemaking family of Côtes du Roussillon. Their holdings are comprised of two estates: Château de Jau & Les Clos de Paulilles. The estate spans the villages of Cases de Pène, Estagel, and Tautavel, occupying 134 cultivated hectares planted in eleven classic Mediterranean varietals. The magnificent hillside vineyards of the Château de Jau were painstakingly revitalized by ripping up the old neglected vineyards and crushing the stone upturned in the process. The rebuilding of the vineyards at Château de Jau, overseen by winemaker Estelle Dauré, represents some of the most ambitious and exciting work undertaken in the Roussillon in the last twenty years. This revitalization has allowed the Dauré family to create the incredible wines produced today.

HARVEST & AGEING

Each varietal is hand harvested and vinified separately in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. Grenache and Carignan benefit from a two-week skin contact maceration. Syrah and Mourvedre are vinified in rotating fermenters for a full week, yielding maximum richness and extraction. This provides for high quality, soft, ripe tannins. The aged in vats and bottled without oak ageing to preserve the natural style and concentration.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Dark red in color, with intense, ripe berry-tobacco aromas and a generous perfumed bouquet. Concentrated flavors supported by sound acidity and a long, sustained finish.

Grapes Varieties: 45% Syrah, 30% Mourvedre, 10% Grenache Noir, 15% Carignan

