

# CHÂTEAU DE JAU

VIGNOBLES DAURÉ  
Languedoc, France



## Muscat de Rivesaltes 2009

### THE VINEYARD

The Dauré family has long been acknowledged as the premier winemaking family of Côtes de Roussillon. Their holdings are comprised of two estates: Château de Jau and 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

80% of the harvest is destemmed and benefits from extended skin contact before being pressed and then fermented. Neutral grape spirit is then added in the process known as "mutage" to this fermenting clear "must" resulting in the maximum retention of fresh fruit aroma flavor and structure. The remaining 20% of the harvest is fermented and processed before pressing in order to provide tannic support.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Deep bright golden-yellow with hallmark aromas of fresh honey and apricot, luscious, rich full flavors and an endless finish.

Grape: 100% Muscat "Petits Grains"

