

# Les Cailloux, Cuvée Centenaire 2005

**Only produced in great vintages, this is an exceptional fine cuvée with an incomparably long and elegant finish.**

## **Terroir**

To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the planting of the most beautiful plot in the Domaine, Lucien and André decided in 1989 to create a special cuvée released specifically from this plot located in the best sector of Farguerol, which then became the Cuvée Centenaire.

The soil and subsoil don't have much limestone in this section, but in both the surface and deep in the ground clay is the main material. This blue and compact clay gives the wine its mineral property (graphite). The vineyard's lightly rolling exposure gives the vines perfect sunshine, and the frequent blowing of the violent Mistral winds contributes to the concentration of sugar in the grapes. This unique terroir cultivates a wine rich in aromas and structure for a truly complex cuvée.

## **Blending**

Grenache 85%, Mourvèdre 15%

## **Average age of vines**

125 years

## **Yield**

15 hl / h

## **Tasting Notes**

Richly layered, with currant paste, Black Forest cake, espresso, mesquite, date and incense notes. Ripe and lush, this is far more supple than most of its 2005 peers. The finish is long and dense but very silky, with lingering notes of macerated fruit and black tea. Drink now through 2025.

Score: 96

James Molesworth (Wine Spectator), WineSpectator.com, December 2007

The blockbuster 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée Centenaire...is a wine of great intensity, beautifully sweet creme de cassis notes and cherry liqueur intermixed with licorice, incense, flowers, and a subtle hint of smoke. Full-bodied, opulent, and rich, with huge layers of fruit and remarkable concentration and purity, this is always one of the great Chateauneuf du Papes, and it is certainly that in 2005.

Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025. Andre Brunel has always been one of the most progressive and brilliant proprietors of Chateauneuf du Pape

Score: 94/96

Robert Parker, Wine Advocate (169), February 2007

