

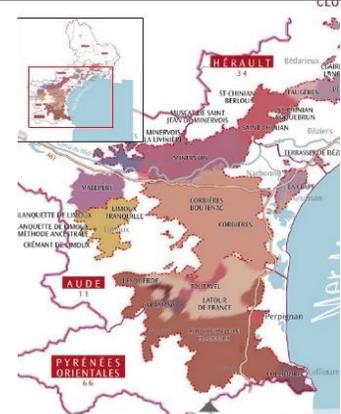
HB Wine Merchants presents wines from: **M. Chapoutier**



FRANCE

Les Vignes de Bila-Haut Rouge

Côtes du Roussillon Villages



Brand Highlights

- Best-Selling wine in the Category! Also the best seller in the product line.
- Top 100—Wine Spectator for the 2008 and 2010 Vintages
- Blend of Syrah, Grenache, and Carignan

The Estate

Purchased by Michel Chapoutier in 1999, Bila-Haut is located in the best part of the Languedoc called the Côtes du Roussillon. Historically the site was one of the first areas planted for viticulture by the Greek Mariners and has been continuously a wine region known for making top quality wines. The House of Bila—the translation of the name of the estate—was once a house of refuge for the Knights Templar, which is why their cross is symbolically used on the label. In the hills of the Agly Valley, 40+ year old vines are carefully and meticulously managed by an experienced team of viticulturalists, where sustainable farming and low yields combine to create the highest quality fruit. Wine is made in the vineyards, by paying careful attention to the plants and working alongside nature.

Wine Making

Each of the three varieties that comprise this wine, Syrah, Grenache, and Carignan are carefully vinified at low, even temperatures. The juice is fermented in cement vats and aged in those vats. After a long maceration of two to three weeks, the wine is racked from vat to vat which naturally clarifies the wine. The wine is then carefully blended and aged prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

The dominant Syrah grape gives this wine dark and violet hues with the unmistakable blue fruit flavors of plum and blackberry. Ethereal notes of spices, herbs and mocha linger in the background while hints of black cherry and dark chocolate are woven into a mouth filling wine. It has medium to full body, but has an elegance and power that is rarely found in a wine of this price. The smooth and lingering finish has soft tannins and a velvet touch.

Press

- ◆ 2015 Vintage 91-93 Points—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2014 Vintage 89-91 Points—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2013 Vintage 90-92 Points—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2012 Vintage 91 Points—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2011 Vintage 92 Points—Wine Advocate

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00003 5
- SCC: 1 08 75734 00003 2
- Case (in.): 13.5 x 10.25 x 12