

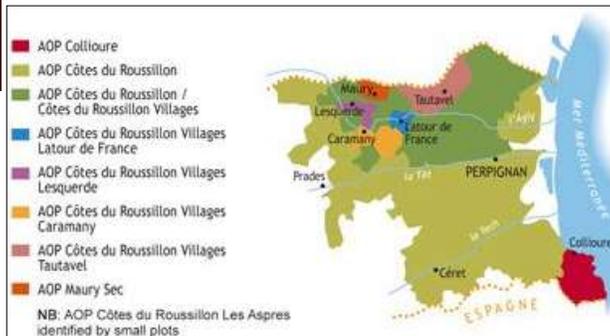
HB Wine Merchants presents wines from M. Chapoutier



FRANCE

Domaine de Bila-Haut Occultum Lapidem

Côtes du Roussillon Villages Latour de France



Brand Highlights

- Highest Rated wine in the Category! 94-96 Points by Robert Parker Jr.
- Single Vineyard wine from the best and oldest vineyard site on the estate
- Made in limited quantities with total dedication to Terroir

The Estate

Purchased by Michel Chapoutier in 1999, Bila Haut is located in an the best part of the Languedoc called the Cotes 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 Carignane are carefully vinified at low, even temperatures. The juice is fermented in cement vats and the must cap is punched down periodically to improve skin contact. After a long maceration of 3-4 weeks, the wine is raked from vat to vat which naturally clarifies the wine. Depending on the vintage, the wine is aged in large oak barrels but usually less than half of the cuvee receives this treatment. The wine is then carefully blended and aged prior to bottling.

Tasting Notes

This wine displays the true character of a Chapoutier wine, it lets the Terroir speak and define the wine. It is a blockbuster, full bodied and loaded with flavor. The decomposed granite and schist soils coupled with 40-60 year old vines yield a truly expressive wine. The spices and herbs of Provence are infused in a juicy red with blackberry and plum fruits and firm tannins.

Press

- 2013 Vintage 94-97 Points Wine Advocate
- 2012 Vintage 91 Points from Wine Advocate
- 2011 Vintage 90 Points from Wine Spectator
- 2011 Vintage 94-96 Points Wine Advocate
- 2010 Vintage 95-97 Points Wine Advocate

Product Specifications

- Available in 750ml only with natural cork
- UPC Code: 8 75734 00004 2
- SCC Code: 10875734000048
- Case dimensions: 11.25X15.25X10.25
- Sustainable Farming practices-Vegan Friendly