

# Sera Wine Imports presents wines from: **M. Chapoutier**



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## Domaine de Bila-Haut r.i.

Côtes du Roussillon Villages, L'esquerda



### Brand Highlights

- Sourced from a single vineyard from the oldest Syrah vines in the area
- One small parcel with northern exposure, very poor soils of Granite and Iron
- Made in limited quantities with total dedication to Terroir

### 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

This wine is only made in the best vintages from 90% Syrah and 10% Grenache. This vineyard is the oldest planted in the department and utilizes the Gobelet single stake trellising system. Extremely poor soils consisting of high iron, gravel, and granite content with a north-facing slope, makes for tiny yields (20 hl/ha) and intense character. Some of these same conditions exist in the Northern Rhone. This is the last parcel to be harvested due to the cooler temperatures and higher elevation. Fermentation takes place in small cement vats with cap punching for maximum skin contact over the 4-5 week maceration. Wines are then aged for 12 months in demi muids and an additional 6 months in cement to polish the tannins.

### Tasting Notes

This wine has an intense dark purple color with a complex and intense nose. Aromas of ink, spice, cassis, graphite and raspberry dominate, and the delicate proportion of the wine shows finesse. The wine has an intriguing density, a quiet power with a firm, silky, long, lingering finish.

### Press

- ◆ 2015 Vintage **98 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2014 Vintage **95-97 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2013 Vintage **97 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2012 Vintage **96 Points**—Wine Advocate

### Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00002 8
- SCC:
- Case (in.): 13 x 11.25 x 7.9
- Sustainable, Biodynamic Farming Practices—Vegan Friendly