

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



FRANCE

Domaine de Bila-Haut v.i.t.

Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Latour de France



Brand Highlights

- Sourced from a single vineyard from the oldest Estate Vines
- Single Vineyard wine with unique character and only made in the best years
- 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

In this wine Grenache is center stage and is the dominant grape (60%) with some Syrah in the blend. The oldest vines are carefully vinified at low, even temperatures. The old vines in a parcel with unique clay and calcareous soils are harvested separately at the peak of ripeness. After a long maceration of 3-4 weeks, the wine is transferred to barrels of different sizes depending on the varietal and vintage. After careful aging the wine is then carefully blended and aged prior to bottling. The average production of this wine is 150 cases.

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 granite and schist soils coupled with 60+ year-old vines yield a truly expressive wine. Aromas of mint, spice and floral notes are joined with fruit flavors of dark plums and red and black raspberry. Wet stones, graphite and iron mark the full-bodied mid-palate and the wine finishes with a meaty, smoky, black fruit tone.

Press

- ◆ 2016 Vintage **97 Points**—Jeb Dunnuck
- ◆ 2015 Vintage **95 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2014 Vintage **94-97 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2013 Vintage **94-96 Points**—Wine Advocate
- ◆ 2012 Vintage **95 Points**—Wine Advocate

Product Specifications

- Available in: 750mL w/Natural Cork
- UPC: 8 75734 00005 9
- SCC:
- Case (in.): 15.25 x 8.5 x 5.25
- Sustainable, Biodynamic Farming Practices—Vegan Friendly