



CHATEAU DE VALCOMBE



COSTIÈRES DE NÎMES RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE

The Costières de Nîmes region of the Rhône Valley is a study in contrasts. It is the southernmost appellation of the region, but it is simultaneously the coolest in the southern Rhône Valley. Despite its distinctly Mediterranean climate and iconic pebbled soils that most associate with Grenache, its reds are most often based on Syrah. And while it sits at the intersection of the Rhône Valley, Languedoc, and Provence, Costières de Nîmes wines are distinctly expressive of their specific, unique terroir.

If a single quality could describe the wines of Costières de Nîmes, it would be freshness. Nervy acidity carries through all of the region's styles, making them quite easy-drinking and approachable. The stress on the vines from growing and living in those rocky, relatively infertile, fast-draining soils means that the vines don't over-produce. This helps prevent flabby, unbalanced, and uninteresting wines.

DESIGNATION

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VARIETY

70% Syrah, 30% Grenache

VINEYARD

The south-facing hillside vines are rooted in deep layers of classic Rhône rolled pebbles (galets) over underlying limestone. The organically-farmed vines have an average age of 42 years.

PROCESS

Hand-harvested and fully destemmed with very light crushing. Cold-soaked for 24 hours prior to fermentation in concrete tanks. Fermentation lasts about 10 days with 3-4 daily pumpovers. Aged for 10 months in cement tanks.

TASTING

Dark and youthful in the glass. The expressive and clean aromas are dominated by spice, black fruits and a mineral touch. Dense and fleshy on the palate with sweet tannins and beautiful freshness. Power, consistency and length characterize the CDN Rouge.

WINERY

Château de Valcombe, a family-owned property since 1749, is the southernmost estate in the Costières de Nîmes. Close to the Mediterranean Sea and planted on soils boasting the highest concentration of limestone in the region, Valcombe offers refined, concentrated wines with exuberant freshness and minerality. The vineyards planted in 1955 are still in cultivation and are, along with the entirety of the estates' vineyards, have been certified organic since 2018.