



CHATEAU GRAND CAUMONT 'DOMAINE DU GRAND CAUMONT' SYRAH

2018 | \$9.99



DESCRIPTION

On the terroir of the Corbières, the cultivation of vines, major in the region, dates to the second century BC and has developed since Roman times. Located in the heart of the Corbières on the terroir of Lézignan Corbières, Château du Grand Caumont is one of the largest estates in the appellation with 105 hectares of vines on 150 hectares of land and scrubland.

In Roman times, the estate already existed and was named "Villa Manzanetto". It is then planted with polycultures and covers an area of nearly 1,000 hectares.

Subsequently, the estate was renamed Grand Caumont, named after the garrigue that dominates the castle. This hill covered with thyme, rosemary and noon shrubs called "Capus Monti" which means "The head of the hill" will then give its name to the "Grand Caumont".

In the ninth century, the estate belonged to King Charles the Bald who offered the property to his nephew in the year 847.

During the French Revolution, the castle and its outbuildings burned to the ground. Only a few remains of the old buildings, such as the tower and the two portals, remain.

In 1850 the estate was bought by Auguste Sarda who rebuilt the buildings, planted the vines, and built the cellar. It was at this time that the Grand Caumont became an experimental area presented as a model throughout the region and rewarded with a bonus of honor.

In 1906 Louis Rigal, founder of the famous Roquefort Rigal, bought the property, settled

there, founded his family, and cultivated the vines for more than thirty years. Then, in 1945, he passed the estate to his son also named Louis who continued his business until the end of the 70s.

In the early 80s, his wife Françoise Rigal took over with passion and enthusiasm, managed and modernized the estate, and created the bottled wine marketing company.

In 2003, her daughter Laurence joined her to manage the estate with her after working for fifteen years in marketing and communication in Paris.

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Syrah, which is alternatively spelled "Shiraz" in English-speaking regions -- is a red grape that generally yields a spicy, rich red wine.

"Syrah" and "Shiraz" are the same grape. Yet because "Syrah" is the French spelling and "Shiraz" the Anglophone spelling, which way its spelled often says something about the region and thus the style – Syrah is usually produced in one of the French Rhône styles, and Shiraz is usually produced more in the Australian or American style.

Syrah display strong, smooth tannins, and are generally deep burgundy to purple in color.

Shiraz, the most popular winegrape produced in Australia, gets its name from the city of Shiraz in Persia. The grape was believed to be brought to the northern Rhône valley in France during the Middle Ages (though some claim that is a myth).

In France, it is known as "Syrah," and to bear the special appellation "Cornas," the wine must be 100% Syrah. Elsewhere, it is often blended with white grapes Viognier, Marsanne, or Roussanne, or the red grape Cabernet Sauvignon, each of which typically smooths-out the finish.

Tasting Notes

NOSE:

Notes of violet, peony, blackcurrant, and blackberry.

PALATE:

Reds are typically a deeper color, contain more jammy fruit flavors, and possess a full-bodied roundness. Syrah often carry flavors of black cherry, black pepper, blackberry, plum, bell pepper, clove, licorice, espresso, and dark chocolate.

PAIRING:

This wine will go perfectly with cold cuts, hamburgers, white meats, or grilled meats.

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