

CHATEAU DE JAU JAUJAU 1ER ROUGE 2020/\$27.99



DESCRIPTION

The Abbey of Jau has ten long centuries of history, beginning in the twelfth century with its foundation by Cistercian monks. Its development began at the end of the thirteenth century when Antal II, the bishop of Elne, assigned the domain of Clairana to the monks with water rights on the Verdoube River. They then gave the name of the abbey - Jau - and built the tower that stands there proudly on the side of a rock even today. It was at the epoch an element of defence and lookout against attacks of the Barbary pirates who were rampant in Roussillon. Thus protected, the monks of the estate cultivated vines and olive trees. Thanks to mutage (a type of fortification), which ensured better stability of products, they were soon able to export their wines all over the world.

From the fifteenth century to the end of the nineteenth century, the property was leased by the Xopi family. One of its most prominent members was rector of the University of Paris and gave the oration funeral of Louis XIV. From the sixteenth century to their departure, the new hosts enriched the estate with a new activity, animal husbandry with silkworms. The castle itself was built on the initiative of Catherine Xopi just after the French Revolution.

Two other legacies from this period remain to this day: the three-hundred-year-old mulberry tree that has become the emblem of the castle of Jau and the buildings of the old silkworm farm. Today, these are home to a contemporary art space.

The property was passed on to a Catalan family of Barcelona, then a family of merchants in local wines, the Bourdouil. It was in 1973 that Jean and Bernard Dauré acquired the domain: a complete natural rights acquisition, as they themselves are the owners of a

trading company and from a family winemaking tradition - their great-grandfather was a winegrower in Rivesaltes. They were not long in replanting and renovation to rehabilitate the Château. Visionaries, the two men set out to the 70's in wine tourism and a contemporary art foundation.

They also developed a vineyard in the the Collioure cru, Les Clos de Paulilles. Then they created a vineyard in Chile called Las Niñas, in honour of the latest generation - exclusively female - from the Dauré family.

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Jaujau is a blend of 50% Syrah and 50% Grenache Noir grown in schist marl on the slopes and clay-limestone on the flat parts on the banks of the Agly. The grapes are manually harvested at just right ripeness. The Grenache is vinified in the traditional way and Syrah by hand punching down. The wine is then aged in barrels for 12 months. The yields are low, results in an exceptional concentration of grape berries.

Tasting Notes

Nose:

Deep red color with sparkling purple reflections. An expressive nose of red berries and garrigue, In wine, “garrigue” refers to a mix of lavender, juniper, thyme, rosemary, and sage. Garrigue is a classic example of terroir, the notion that aromas and flavors in wine are influenced by the environment in which wine is produced. More than just a romantic idea, it’s increasingly believed to be a matter of organic chemistry.

Palate:

A powerful and concentrated wine with silky tannins, a subtle balance between black fruit and woody notes.

Pairing:

Fine menus, oven-roasted meats, and pan-fried vegetables.

Winery Website: [The Château de Jau, wine estate, restaurant le grill \(chateaudejau.com\)](http://chateaudejau.com)



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