

Domaine Paul Autard's
Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee La Cote Ronde
50% Grenache, 50% Syrah

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At right, fourth generation winemaker Jean Paul Autard in the La Cote Ronde vineyard. It is situated in the larger Le Mourre de Gaud *lieu dit* which lies on the plain between the Village of Chateauneuf du Pape and Courthezon.



At left, stones reflect heat back up to the vines and drain very quickly, leaving no moisture on the surface to potentially cause vine maladies.



At right, low yielding 90-year-old Grenache vines planted by Jean-Paul's great grandfather.



The Cote Ronde vineyard, at left and above, is literally a rounded, dome-like slope with superb exposure. The Grenache vines thrive on the slopes and its plateau.



At right, the soil in the La Cote Ronde parcel is a mixture of limestone and clay with small stones and fossils.



Fossils and stones found in the soil indicate that today's Cote Ronde vineyard was an inland sea millions of years ago, in the Miocene era. It was at this time that land assumed its present form and stones from crumbling mountains covered the land. It is the very poverty of the soil and the presence of stones and fossils that make this *terroir* an ideal vineyard, yielding a wine of exceptional power, complexity and finesse.



The La Cote Ronde site is located within the La Mourre de *Gaud lieu dit*.

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