



# Southern Rhône

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wine selection

## Southern Rhône, Domaine Font de Courtedune, IGP Vaucluse, Rouge IGP Vaucluse, France

Domaine Font de Courtedune – for now, at least – is something of an insider’s secret. With vineyards right next door to Château Rayas, and sharing the same sandy soils, this tiny Châteauneuf-du-Pape estate produces outstanding wines that are a fraction of the price of those of its famous neighbour.

### PRESENTATION

Until 1998 the production was delivered to the co-operative, but the young generation Caroline and Frédéric Charrier started bottling at the domain after a new cellar was built. Caroline has attended the wine school in Beaune and is responsible for the winemaking and is gaining attention with amazing wines produced and international accolades. Caroline has no truck with the current fashion for destalking and ferments with all the stems still intact. The wines are vinted and aged in concrete vessels only, and are bottled unfined and unfiltered. She therefore produces wines of immense finesse, great freshness, almost crunchy and very well balanced.

### LOCATION

Located in Courthézon village, on Chateau Rayas terroir.

### TERROIR

Sandy and clay limestone soils.

### WINEMAKING

Whole cluster, fermented in concreted vessels. No oak treatment, maturation in bottles.

### AGEING

No oak treatment, maturation in bottles.

### VARIETALS

Merlot 50%, Syrah 50%

14,5 % VOL.

GM: No.

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

### SERVING

16°C / 61°F

### AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years

### TASTING

Because the vineyards straddle multiple appellations (and because Merlot is not allowed under local appellation rules), it carries a modest IGP Vaucluse label, but this is serious stuff. It's elegant, lithe (but dense) and creamy in texture, with leather, dried fruit, black olive and cocoa notes fading into a softly dusty finish tinged with lingering espresso nuances.

