

# le Caillou

## LE CAILLOU CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

# 2020



**2020 VINTAGE:** A very balanced vintage, offering freshness and elegance.

This is an early vintage. During fall and winter, vines made water reserves with more than 400 mm cumulated. Mild temperatures lead to fast budburst with 2 weeks earlier. Then, summer was soft, offering to the vines the capacity to maintain good acidities in the grapes.

Harvests started from 1st September with our Syrah and 7th September for the Grenache. We had rainfall (40 mm) on 20th September, allowing to unlock maturities of the Mourvèdre that we harvested beginning of October. The differences in the maturities lead us to make long harvests. The conditions were ideal then allowing us to harvest at optimal ripeness. Almost no need to sort out.

The reds offer a lot of elegance and softness, presenting a high ageing potential. It is a wonderful balanced vintage, combing complexity and freshness.

As if the gods had decided to console us from the prevailing gloom linked to the covid-19 crisis, the 2020 vintage is the outcome of a trouble-free year in the vines and a harmonious development of the grapes.

### WINEMAKING:

Hand-picking with sorting in the vineyard and then in the cellar.  
80% de-stemming (20% whole clusters) and winemaking in concrete and stainless-steel tanks, with wild yeasts.

**AGEING:** In concrete tanks for 2 months.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:

This wine has a beautiful dark red color with touches of purple, bright reflection with velvet nuances.

On the nose, we smell the aromas of thyme and rosemary, Provencal herbs, paired with blackberries and wild raspberries.

The palate gives sensation of smoothness, with a great freshness and a nice finish. Fine tannins with notes of orange bark.

A shining wine characterized by its elegance and freshness.

### FOOD PAIRINGS:

Lamb cotelets grilled on vines shoots

Guinea Fowl

Tajine with aubergine

Pork ribs

Poached eggs in wine sauce

Sausage in brioche of Lyon



### YEARS OF THE VINES:

60 years old

### BLEND:

80% Grenache

10% Syrah

5% Mourvèdre

5% Cinsault

### YIELD:

31 hl/ha

### SOILS CHARACTERISTICS:

Sandy soils



2021-2026

