

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Gaston-Philippe, Château de la Gardine

£75.00

Vintage: 2011

Bottle Size: 75cl

Alcohol %: 15%

Country: France

Description: Cassis and blackberry jam dominate the palate, alongside complex notes of toasted spice. This wine is rich and full, but retains a lovely elegance. Top class Southern Rhone.

Cepages: Syrah(Shiraz),Mourvèdre,Grenache(Garnacha)

Group: Rhône

Sub group: Southern Rhône

Colour: Red

Closure: Cork

Producer:

Website: <http://www.gardine.com/en/>

Organic/Bio Status:

Food / cocktail match: Good quality game - think Venison, Hare, or Wild Boar.

Food / cocktail recipe:

Press "A blend of one third 60-90 years old vine Grenache, one third Mourvèdre and one third Syrah, this is a very serious Chateauneuf. It is produced from vines grown on three different types of soils - Alpine Diluvian soils (containing the classic Galet round stones), giving the wines backbone and structure, Urganian limestones, essential for minerality and sandy-clay soils from the Miocene, for finesse and elegance. A highly complex wine and a triumph for the Brunel Brothers." - John Livingstone-Learmonth - The Wines of the Rhone.

Awards Best Chateauneuf in Class - Sommeliers International.

Other Info: Since purchasing the estate with its original 10 hectares of vines, the



Brunel family has managed to grow the vineyards into their current 52 hectare size today. Currently, Chateau de la Gardine is managed by Marie-Odile Brunel. While most estates in Chateauneuf du Pape have vines spread out over the appellation, that is not the case with Chateau de la Gardine as most of their vineyards are next to each other in the north-west section of the appellation. The 52 hectare vineyard of Chateau de la Gardine has a terroir of gravel, loam, limestone and pebble soil. The oldest vines were planted in 1925 and 4 hectares are reserved for the white wine. The wines of Chateau de la Gardine are aged in a combination of small, French oak barrels and foudres.