Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'La Crau' 2020, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Price	£65.00
Code	VTEL310

This is a big wine, but almost invitingly approachable already. Produced from vineyards located on the stony plateau of La Crau in the south east of the appellation, where the villages of Bédarrides and Courthézon meet. The vines average 70 years of age and the vineyard is the hottest in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

Tasting Notes:

The colour is dark blood red/purple. The bouquet is immediate, full and inviting, with notes of crushed black fruits, Myrtle, cherry and a dusting of sweet spice, with a savoury note of Garrigue and roasted herbs. The palate is full, spicy and layered with jammy red and black fruits, warm earth, spice and a powerful black pepper note that holds the sweet fruit in check. The tannins are plush, almost sensual, and the wine holds its poise and balance incredibly well. It is a big wine, but almost invitingly approachable now, typical of the high Grenache content, and the finish is incredibly long.



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Specification	
Vinification	The grapes are handpicked, sorted and partially destemmed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks for between 25 - 35 days. After nine months in concrete tanks, the wine is then aged for 10 months in 60hl oak foudres. The wine is is then bottled, without filtration, after 20 months.
ABV	15%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink from 2026 through to 2045
Country	France
Region	Rhône Valley
Area	Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	65% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, Clairette and sundry others
Genres	Fine Wine
Vintage	2020
Body	Hearty, rustic and full flavoured
Producer	Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe
Producer Overview	Vieux Télégraphe is one of the most renowned estates of the Southern Rhône.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Enjoy with the finest cuts of red meats, lamb and even goat. Good cheese and the smellier the better!
Press Comments	Ranked number 7 in the Wine Spectator Top 100, 2024: "This shows a lot of aromatic appeal, with dusty earth and singed incense notes covering a well of fresh cherry and red currant flavors. A gutsy, grippy style on the palate, with a cast-iron spine bringing firm shape and underlying power. Slightly old-school, this still needs time to unfurl. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Syrah and Cinsault."