



LAYER CAKE CÔTES DU RHÔNE

RHONE VALLEY ~ FRANCE

“My old grandfather told me the soils in which the vines lived were a layer cake. If properly made, the wine from these vines was like a delicious cake layered with fruit, mocha and chocolate, with hints of spice and rich, always rich. Never pass up a good Layer Cake.”
— A. Orlando Tribute, Jayson Woodbridge

Vineyard Notes: Layer Cake Côtes du Rhône is 100% Syrah made from fruit sourced from all four departments of the Rhône, centered around Chateauneuf du Pape. Although each vineyard source could have produced a superlative bottle of Syrah, we found when blended, the wine was the most complete; each terroir complimenting the next.

- *Drome, the northernmost component, offers Syrah with power, structure and intense color.*
- *Vaucluse provides enhanced aromatics with a focus on floral notes with a good spicy palate.*
- *Ardeche, located on the Western Valley floor, adds fat, ripe fleshy fruit.*
- *Gard offers minerality, whetstone and bright red fruit.*

Côtes du Rhône is typically a Grenache blended with Syrah for backbone; however the goal with Layer Cake was to make a 100% Syrah (although if labeled Syrah, the French law would not allow the reference to the Rhône.)

Climate: The Southern Rhône is typically influenced by the warm Mediterranean climate. Hot summers are followed by mild winters. In comparison to most of France, the Southern Rhône produces richer and fuller bodied wines.

Winemaker Notes: Ancient vines planted in seemingly impenetrable terrain due to the top layer of granite cobbles provided us with signature soils to harvest Syrah for Layer Cake. We sourced from vineyards surrounding Chateauneuf du Pape in order to create a substantial bottle of Syrah reflective of the New World winemaking style we bring to the region. The result is a ripe, accessible example of Syrah; as always, we make Layer Cake to be ‘rich, always rich’.

Tasting Notes: Layer Cake Côtes du Rhône is succulent and lush. Nearly opaque, the wine is a unique combination of rich, forward fruit more commonly found in wines of the New World, yet complimented by pleasing accents of minerality indicating Old World terroir. The wine is elegant and unctuous; a true food wine with balanced richness; offering flavors of wild blueberries, black currants, star anise, earth and history. Aromas of pre-Castro cigars, minerals and an underlying hint of savory herbs rise from the glass. This is a New World expression of Côtes du Rhône, wonderfully accessible the moment it is opened.

- 100% Pure Syrah
- 100% Rhône Valley
- Alc. 13.5%
- 15,000 cases bottled December 2007



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