

# Boutinot 'Les Coteaux Schisteux', Séguret Côtes du Rhône Villages



**Producer:** Domaine Boutinot Rhône  
**Winemaker:** Boutinot France winemaking team  
**Country of Origin:** France  
**Region of Origin:** Rhone  
**Grapes:** Grenache Noir 98%, Syrah 2%  
**ABV:** 14%  
**Case Size:** 6x75cl  
**Vintage:** 2014  
**Suitable For:** Vegetarians and Vegans  
**Closure Type:** Cork



## The One-Liner

An impressive classic Séguret - about as good as Côtes du Rhône-Villages gets!

## Tasting Note

Paler ruby than some earlier vintages due to the extreme proportion of Grenache, the nose is however as explosive, plush and opulent as ever, layered with exotic spice, cracked black pepper and of course streaked with crushed vanillin. The palate is instantly appealing, polished and smooth on entry but steeped in depth and texture as the flavours swirl around, lengthen and delight. The lasting impression is satisfying - a big, opulent and sweet Grenache driven wine with obvious oak quality, g...

## Producer Details

Our love affair with the southern Rhône is both enduring and unswerving. We believe to our marrow that we can make great wine here. And for this reason, we have bought our first vineyard in France, here in the southern Rhône – in the village of Cairanne, you'll not be surprised to learn! Ten years ago we first glimpsed the potential of the vineyards of Cairanne when we released our 2000 vintage of La Côte Sauvage. Now we have several plots of old vines we can call our own and begin to realise our dream of making even better wine. Over the past decade or so we have built enviable relationships with a network of local growers and we will of course continue to source grapes and wine from their trove of prized vineyards for our full range of Rhône wines.

## In The Vineyard

Sourced from 'Les Turcs', a single 7ha east-facing terraced high altitude vineyard in the hills behind the village of Séguret, planted with mostly Grenache intermingled with some Syrah, vines whose minimum age is 50, many older still. The high altitude, old vines and very particular terroir make our Séguret quite unique. These are stony, argillaceous limestone terraces high above the schistous slopes of the village of Séguret. Here the grapes benefit from the morning sun and even ripening temperatures.

## In The Winery

All the grapes are hand picked. Traditional long cuvaison using only indigenous yeasts and remontages to release all the potential of the grapes and their skins. 24 months in French oak 228 litre barrels and one quarter in 600 litre demi-muids, one third new, one third of 2nd fill and one third of 3rd & 4th fill.

## Food Recommendations

Big hearty casseroles and juicy meat dishes.

## Awards & Press

2013 Vintage: 'The Wine Merchant Top 100' 2016

2013 Vintage: IWSC 2016 - Bronze

2012 Vintage: 'The Wine Merchant Top 100' 2015

2012 Vintage: IWSC 2015 - Bronze

2011 Vintage: 2014 Affairs of the Vine Rhone

2012 Vintage: "With its "earthy notes, juicy palate of brambly fruit and spicy peppery feel," this excellent Côtes du Rhône from the village of Séguret would, the Top 100 judges said, "be a perfect partner for roast pork". With that extra level of quality, intensity and character to elevate it above everyday Côtes du Rhône Villages, it's also, those judges said, well-priced: "on the money at less than £13". Once again, Boutinot's pro-active approach in the Rhône - where the company has purchased its own vineyard to complement fruit sourced from its network of local growers - has paid off handsomely." The Wine Merchant 'Top 100' 2015, Judges Comments

2010 Vintage: "Dark garnet in the glass, cherries, prunes and plums run alongside earthy, spicy, roasted notes. Oak influence shows, resulting in grippy tannins" Sommelier Wine Awards 2014, Judges Comments

2010 Vintage: "A gorgeous red, showing roasted apple wood and anise notes out front, with a large core of steeped loganberry, plum and boysenberry fruit. A briar accent hangs on the finish, as the fruit melts slowly. 91 points." James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, October 31st 2013

2009 Vintage: "This rock-solid red is dark and muscular, but also perfumy, with an inviting aroma of warm ganache followed by slightly burly currant paste, melted licorice and cherry pâte de fruit flavors. A ganache note takes an encore on the finish. Drink now through 2015". 91 points. James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

2009 Vintage: "One of the highest rated Ségurets I was able to taste for this report... Showing loads of barrel spice, vanilla, leather, and dried flowers, as well as a core of sweet red fruits, this unique 2009 is medium to full-bodied, balanced, and elegant, with a light, seamless texture and fantastic length. The oak shows here (and probably always will), yet it comes across more in a spice-driven way than raw wood... This beautifully constructed 2009 will evolve gracefully for over a decade". 91 Points. The Rhône Report – Issue 13, October 2012

"Full ruby, more lively than most overheated 2003's, shows elegance of ripe Grenache." 3 Stars. Steven Spurrier, Decanter Magazine, September 2007

2003 Vintage: IWC 2008 - Judges comments "Sweet oak and spice, dark berries and chocolate with some development on the palate."

## Notes

The secret to the style and quality of our 2009 Séguret Les Coteaux Schisteux is twofold: firstly it is nearly 100% Grenache Noir and secondly over the years we have increasingly matured the wine in demi-muids. In our first vintage of 2003 we just used traditional 228 litre barriques, for instance. The proportion of wine to wood in a demi-muids is greater, so the oaky influence is more diffuse, gentler and more subtle, less dominant in other words. Moreover as we now have some older demi-muids; their influence is pivotal, as they bring far more complexity to the unity of the wine. When Grenache Noir from the southern Rhône excels as this does, it is sheer joy. It's been a long wait since the 2007, but we trust you'll find it worth it.