

Féraud-Brunel

Côtes-du-Rhône

"The Brunel family has run this estate with unassailable agility for more than two decades. André Brunel is one of the most intelligent of the younger generation in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and seems to produce fine wines regardless of vintage conditions." – **Robert M. Parker**

A Perfect Pairing

Féraud-Brunel is a promising negociant enterprise that began in 1998 with the partnership between Laurence Féraud and André Brunel of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Brunel is best known for Les Cailloux and Féraud is known for Pegau. Given their significant contacts in the southern Rhône Valley, their goal is to purchase wine from old, established, primarily Grenache vineyards. What sets this venture apart from other negociants is that it is run with the *savoir-faire* of truly exceptional winemakers working in perfect partnership.

Terroir is Key

Laurence Féraud & André Brunel have selected the *terroirs* in the Côtes-du-Rhône which they find most interesting and found talented winemakers who work year round with their oenologist, Philippe Cambie. Before the harvest, they work in the same manner as on

their estates in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, setting the yields and the farming practices, and closely following the ripening and sanitary state of the grapes. The fermentation of each wine is adapted to



the qualities of the *terroir*, and when they feel the moment is right, they bring the wines to their cellars in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. After a period of ageing that marries the expression of *terroir* with a hard core of ripe fruit, the wines are bottled without fining or filtration. The result is a range of Côtes-du-Rhône wines of stunning quality, truly representative of their appellation and vintage.