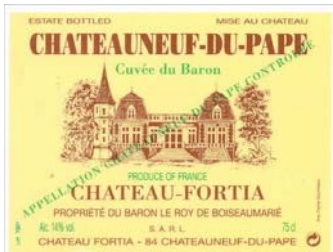


# CHATEAU FORTIA

Chateauneuf du Pape

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## OVERVIEW

In many ways, Chateau Fortia is the classic Chateauneuf-du-Pape estate. Not only does it possess one of the undisputedly grand terroirs of this now famous region, but it was the determination and quality-consciousness of Fortia's owner, Baron Pierre Leroy, that created the appellation of Chateauneuf-du-Pape in the 1920s. With this was born the very concept of appellation contrôlée itself, incorporating the codification of controlled yields, terroir-specific grape varieties, and guaranteed authenticity of origin. Not surprisingly, many of Pierre's wines became legendary for their concentration, complexity and longevity.

Pierre's son Henri ran Fortia from 1967 until 1994 and quite frankly, the later stages of his regime provided few blessings for lovers of Chateauneuf. In part, weaker quality could be traced to the ripping-up of old, diseased vines, but shorter macerations, long stay in old barrels and over-handling were culprits as well. Enter the third generation: Bruno Le Roy. Together with enologist Jean-Luc Colombo, Bruno has upgraded the entire process of selection and vinification, so much so that his first vintage the 1993 Fortia, which he only "inherited" as a partially-finished wine, turned out to be a very pleasant surprise and the 1994 which he made from beginning to end was truly outstanding.

Just as Chateau de Beaucastel owes part of its uniqueness to its unusually high percentage of Mourvedre, so Fortia is in part distinguished by a higher-than-usual percentage of Syrah in the blend, resulting in an especially winsome smoky-sweetness and vivid cherry and cassis fruit. It is a delight to revel in the fruits of Fortia's quality revival!

**Varieties:** Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Counoise, Roussanne, WH Grenache, Clairette—av 40 yrs old

**Total Acreage:** 30 H

**Average Production:** number of cases

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Yields limited to 35 hl/ha. Hand harvesting, Compulsory sorting
- 120 -25 day fermentation In vat, the secondary fermentation
- Varietals blended before barrel aging

## WINES - Availability is limited...

### Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

A blend of 60% Roussanne, 30% Clairette and 10% Grenache Blanc that is fermented in small stainless steel tanks and bottled unfiltered and unfiltered. The wine does not undergo malolactic fermentation in order to maintain freshness.

### Chateau Fortia Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée du Baron

This cuvee premiered in 2001 and shows the powerful side a Syrah dominated blend. As most CDP's are Grenache dominated, this wine offers a unique profile and blend.

## ACCOLADES

### 2009 Chateau Fortia Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée du Baron

"The darker ruby-hued 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée du Baron (50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 10% Mourvedre) reveals a more earthy, spicy, herbaceous character as well as more structure, meat, and density along with angular tannins and sharpness. Three cuvees were produced in 2009, all of which were aged in foudre for 18-24 months." (86-87+) Wine Advocate # 191 Oct 2010—reviewed before release