

# MAS DE GOURGONNIER

Provence

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Les Baux de Provence

## OVERVIEW

**M**as de Gourgonnier, the property of the Cartier family, is located in that unique, rocky, high-altitude microclimate of Provence which, in 1995 won the right to its own appellation for red and rose (adopting the name of the ancient nearby town in which Bauxite was first mined).

Our red cuvée from Mas de Gourgonnier represents an assemblage of some of their best lots of Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a little old-vines Carrignane, depending on the vintage. There is always a significant measure of flavor imparted by the garrigues, the wild scrub and herb melange that covers the Provençal countryside.

Methods at Gourgonnier are scrupulously organic and yields controlled to a level where the terroir and the varieties both achieve full expression. In fact, their organic approach (as well as their fabulous olive oil) helped put them on the map even before their wine gained gustatory notoriety.

Our good friends Luc and Lucienne Cartier (and their talented daughter, Eve) have for decades quietly and consistently crafted the finest wines in the gorgeous countryside of Provence. These 100% certified organic, southern French wines are now better than ever—we like to call the Provence in a bottle—and with recent vintages Mas has definitely sealed its position as the leading estate in the region. It was one of the first estates to "go" organic in the 1970s; and today is one of the remaining, completely family-owned wineries in the region.

**Varieties:** Grenache, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Mourvedre, Carignan, Cinsault

**Total Acreage:** : 85 acres

**Average Production:**

17,000 cs., but typically only 4-6,000 of the Baux de Provence

## VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Organic viticulture
- mixture of tank and barrel; occasionally filtered or fined if the effect proves salutary.

## WINES

### Les Baux de Provence Rouge

The spicy, Rhône-inspired wine made up of traditional varietals: Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, plus Cabernet Sauvignon, old-vine Carignan and Cinsault. Depending on the vintage, the proportions of these varietals change.

### Les Baux de Provence Rose'

Offered only in the spring as a pre-sell, this is one of our most sought after Rose's! The wine is a blend of Grenache, Cinsaut, Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cabernet. Lightly blushed and very dry, it is a perfect companion to Provençal cuisine.

## ACCOLADES

"The red cuvee that finds its way to the U.S. each year as "basic" Mas de Gourgonnier represents a collaboration between owner-winemaker Luc Cartier and his agent Peter Vezan. The varietal makeup can vary dramatically according to the vicissitudes of nature and the insights of the blenders, but the wine is always matured in a mixture of tank and cask, never bottled much before the next harvest, is always distinctly recognizable as Gourgonnier, and always represents excellent value." **David Schildknecht**

"This is an awesome example of great wine selling at exceedingly fair prices. Do as I did ... buy it by the caseload." **Robert Parker**



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