

**PIERRE
USSEGLIO**
Chateauneuf du Pape

Rhone Valley
Chateauneuf du Pape



Thierry (left) and Jean-Pierre
Usseglio - July 2007



Foudres for Cuvée Tradition



OVERVIEW

In 1931 an Italian Francis Usseglio left Italy and went to Châteauneuf du Pape in France. Here he got a job at some winegrowers. After the war he got his own property - in 1948. He had two sons Pierre and Raymond. Pierre Usseglio got his father's property and Raymond established another estate. Today the 3rd generation is in charge. The sons of Pierre Usseglio, Jean-Pierre and Thierry run Domaine Pierre Usseglio and Stephanie runs Domaine Raymond Usseglio.

The vineyards comprise 17 parcels over 23 hectares on some of the best terroir in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Half of the vines are about 60 years old and the rest is about 30 years old. The brothers work diligently to ensure optimum ripeness and are vigilant about the health of their vines and grapes. Moreover, all work in the vineyards is organic. The wine is vinified traditionally using natural yeasts, low doses of sulphur, and is aged mostly in old oak foudres. The results of their efforts have translated into world class wines which exhibit why Châteauneuf-du-Pape is one of the world's most famous terroirs.

Varieties: Grenache, Syrah, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Counoise and Muscardin.
Total Acreage: 79 acres
Average Production: 5,500 cases

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES

- Organic Viticulture
- Native yeasts, large old oak Foudres

ACCOLADES

2010 Pierre Usseglio Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

Composed of 60% Grenache Blanc, 35% Clairette and 5% Bourboulenc, it was aged in old barrels (70%) and steel tanks (30%). There are only 3,000 bottles produced. **2010 is not yet rated, 2009 was 90 points From Parker.**

2008 Pierre Usseglio Chateauneuf du Pape 90 points

One of the finest 2008 Chateauneuf du Papes money can buy is Pierre Usseglio's offering (the only 2008 they made). Composed of 80% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre, and Cinsault, it possesses a dark ruby/purple color, surprisingly intense fruit, lots of garrigue, pepper and spice box, a medium to full-bodied texture and a heady finish. Performing better out of bottle than it did last year in the cellars, it should be consumed during its first 5-6 years of life. Restaurants take note!

Drink: 2010 - 2016 **Robert Parker, Wine Advocate # 191 Oct 2010**

2009 Pierre Usseglio Chateauneuf du Pape (90-92 points)

"The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape (80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre and 5% Cinsault) is another top-notch effort. The wine is aged in tank (60%), foudre (30%) and 1- to 4-year-old small barrels (10%). Sweet raspberry, black currant, and cherry fruit intermixed with licorice, lavender and tobacco leaf jump from the glass of this perfumed 2009. With outstanding ripeness, a plush, evolved mouthfeel and sweet tannins, this beauty is already complex and delicious. It should age well for 7-8 years.

One of my favorite stops on my trips to the southern Rhone is at Domaine Pierre Usseglio where brothers Jean-Pierre and Thierry Usseglio have accomplished special things. A new state-of-the-art tasting room has been added, somewhat unusual in Chateauneuf du Pape where little has changed in the three decades I have been tasting there. However, the small, discrete Usseglio tasting room would never be compared with tasting rooms that exist in Bordeaux and California." **Robert Parker, Wine Advocate # 191 Oct 2010**



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