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M. Chapoutier Côte-Rôtie Les Bécasses is a quintessential Côte-Rôtie, delivering elegance, power, and a floral finesse that perfectly embodies the historic Rhône appellation.



Cote Rotie Les Bécasses 2021

Northern Rhône, France

Region and Vineyards

The **Les Bécasses** wine is crafted from a blend of **several parcels** located on well-exposed slopes within the Côte-Rôtie appellation, including sites like **La Brocarde**, **La Viallière**, **Côte Rosier**, **Côte Blonde**, and **Côte Brune**. These vineyards are known for their historical significance and exceptional quality.

The soils are a mix of **chlorite and ferruginous mica-schist**, enriched by **loess deposits** in certain depressions. Schist-based soils on **south and southeast-facing slopes** allow the Syrah to thrive, developing its hallmark combination of power and floral elegance.

Winemaking

Harvesting for **Les Bécasses** is done **entirely by hand**, ensuring that only the ripest grapes are selected. After destemming, the grapes are placed in **concrete tanks**, where fermentation begins with the use of **indigenous yeasts**. This approach allows the terroir to express itself from the outset.

During fermentation, temperatures are carefully controlled, not exceeding **33°C**, and the process lasts **3 to 4 weeks**, depending on the vintage. Daily **punching down (pigeage)** promotes excellent extraction of color and tannins.

The wine is aged for **14 to 16 months**, with **80% maturing in oak barrels**, the majority being new wood, and **20% in stainless steel tanks**. This balance preserves the wine's fruity purity and floral notes while integrating the oak's complexity.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Syrah



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep purplish red with a vibrant intensity.
- **Aroma:** Captivating notes of **raspberries**, **violets**, and hints of **rosemary**, complemented by nuances of **black olive** and **tapenade**, characteristic of Côte-Rôtie.
- **Palate:** Ample and deep, with layers of **woody**, **spicy**, and **vanilla-infused flavors**, leading to a long, elegant finish. The wine showcases freshness and a light, floral character unique to the appellation.
- **Ageing Potential:** 10 to 15 years, with the ability to evolve into a wine of greater complexity.

Did you know?

The name **Côte-Rôtie**, translating to “Roasted Slope,” reflects the long hours of sunshine that bathe the vineyard’s steep slopes. The Côte-Rôtie region is one of France’s oldest wine-producing areas, with a history spanning over 2,000 years. According to legend, the Lord of Maugiron divided the slopes between his two daughters—one blonde and one brunette—giving rise to the iconic names **Côte Blonde** and **Côte Brune**.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Herb-Crusted Rack of Lamb:** The wine’s spicy and floral notes enhance the aromatic herbs and rich flavors of the lamb.
- **Wild Mushroom Risotto:** The earthy flavors of mushrooms complement the wine’s olive and tapenade nuances.
- **Roast Duck with Blackberry Sauce:** The fruit-forward elements of the wine harmonize with the sweetness of the sauce.
- **Aged Gruyère or Tomme Cheese:** The creamy texture and nutty flavors of these cheeses balance the wine’s structure and floral elegance.



Robert Parker (RP) : 92 Points (2021)

The 2021 Cote Rotie les Bécasses—a blend of different sites from Tupin up through St-Cyr—is peppery and herbal, with raspberry and cranberry fruit. Medium-bodied, silky and refined, it doesn't come across as underripe, except for perhaps the hints of cranberry and cedar on the tart but elegant finish.



Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 95 Points (2020)

There were four Côte Rôties produced in 2020. The 2020 Côte Rôtie Les Bécasses is drop dead gorgeous and is another best-to-date from this team, although the quality of this release has been on the upward trajectory for some time now. Red and black fruits, spice, flowery incense, and some exotic characteristics emerge from this quintessential, medium to full-bodied, complex, layered, elegant beauty. It's well worth seeking out and drinking over the coming 10-15 years.





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Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 94 Points (2019)

Luxurious aromas of dried cranberries, fresh strawberries and rhubarb sprinkled with clove lure the nose. The palate is dried by youthful tannins, which reveal a layer of stone, followed by black cherries, violets, saffron and garrigue.



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