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## Domaine Houchart Cotes du Provence St Victoire Rose



2016 Vintage

*Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah, Cinsault and Cabernet Sauvignon*

Domaine Houchart is a light pink color with fruity, strawberry, white peach and almond paste aromas and a certain mineral taste that comes from the "terroir".

The "**Sainte Victoire**" appellation lies to the east of Aix-en-Provence, at the foot of the **Sainte Victoire mountain**. The appellation was recently created to acknowledge the exceptional quality of wines from this part of the Cotes de Provence Region.

The mountain was beloved by the Impressionist painters especially Cezanne, who was born in nearby Aix en Provence. He regularly visited the Houchart family when he was making his famous series of paintings of Mount St Victoire. The soil is a reddish color with a high proportion of limestone that comes from the surrounding mountains. It is gravelly in places, often on steep slopes and is ideally exposed. Half of **Domaine Houchart** is in the new appellation area.

The grapes are picked early in the morning to retain fresh aromas. The juice is settled at 12°C and vinification takes place at 18°C. The wine is then gently matured on the lees to give it greater presence and length on the palate.

**90 Points or above for the last 6 vintages!**

2016 was very dry which reduced production to 44hl per Hectare. This provides excellent quality but low production.

Domaine Houchart is located at the foot of Mount St Victoire near Aix en Provence. This region is part of the new, higher level, appellation "Cotes de Provence, St Victoire". Domaine Houchart is today owned by Geneviève, the wife of Jérôme Quiot, having been originally acquired by her great-grandfather. During the period of the 1850's, Aurelien Houchart was an energetic proprietor and negociant in wine, and created one of the largest domains in Provence. Amongst the friends of Aurelien Houchart was the famous painter Cezanne, who frequently came to visit. The 200 acre estate is planted with 10 traditional grape varieties on soils of red clay, sandstone, gravel and chalk and produces 55% Rose, 40 % Red and 5% White wines

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