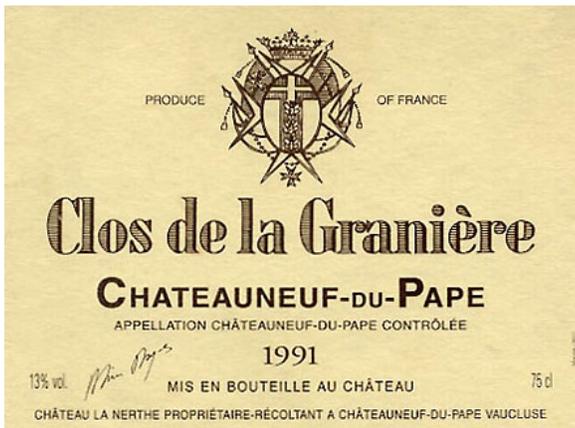


CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The word "Chateau" is not often used in Chateauneuf du Pape. When it comes to La Nerthe it's quite natural. The buildings here and the surroundings are the most beautiful and impressive place in Chateauneuf du Pape. The construction of the chateau started in 1736. The architect was Jean-Baptiste Franque and the owner at that time was Tulle de Villefranche. His family had been owners for a couple of centuries. At first it was called Grange de Beauvenir. In 1559 it was given to a family member named Pierre de la Nerthe and from him dates the name today. In the century before the phylloxera the wines from La Nerthe was reputed as the best wines from the area.

After the phylloxera catastrophe in 1870 the property was sold to Joseph Ducos. With great energy he started replanting the vines. He was the leading person in that matter who taught other wine growers in the area to graft vines onto phylloxera resistant American rootstocks. He did a lot to unite the wine growers and set standards for a better quality of the wines. As the mayor of the town he got the official name of the town changed to Chateauneuf du Pape instead of Chateauneuf Calcernier. During the second World War the chateau was occupied by German troops and the vine fields were neglected for a long time. In 1986 the chateau was acquired by the Richard family after advice from Alain Dugas, who managed the property until 2008. Since 2008 the winemaker and manager has been Christian Voeux, an experienced winemaker who has been working at Mont Redon for several years.



Clos de la Granière **Chateauneuf du Pape -** **Rhone Valley, France**

The second label of the famous Chateau La Nerthe, which dates back to 1560, this traditional blend of Grenache, Mourvedre, Syrah, Cinsault and 9 other grapes, has brooding dark fruits and earthy spice on the nose. On the palate, forest fruits, black pepper, and some savory notes of garden herbs and game.