



## *Coteaux des Galets*

### **The Philosophy**

More than any complex winemaking philosophy, René-Emmanuel wines are a reflection of the vineyards they come from. Start with hillside vineyards laden with stones (galets), apply no irrigation or sprays, limit yields with a mid-summer green harvest, and pick the grapes at optimal maturity. Winemaking is done with minimal handling of the wines so as to preserve the purity of the grapes. The Coteaux des Galets is produced from a selection of Grenache and Syrah from their oldest hillside vineyards, and aged briefly in mostly older oak to enhance development and character of the grapes.

### **The Details**

Vintage:	2000
Appellation:	Cotes du Rhone (Rouge)
Varietal Composition:	50% Grenache, 50% Syrah
Vineyard Locations:	Valreas, Enclave des Papes, Département de Vaucluse (Village-District-Department)
Avg. Vineyard Elev.:	1,400 feet
Avg. Age of Vines:	25 years
Harvest Method:	Hand-harvested
Oak Regimen:	33% new, 67% 2 <sup>nd</sup> year barriques
Fining:	Light egg-white fining
Filtration:	None
Alcohol:	13.0%
pH:	3.4
Total Case Production:	250 cases

### **Tasting Notes/Food Pairing Suggestions**

Beautiful aromas of freshly crushed raspberries and oak. A medium-bodied wine with loads of lively fruit—red raspberries and ripe cranberries—leading into notes of cocoa and light oak. Great acidity, great length—very elegant wine. This is very versatile and can be enjoyed with chicken prepared almost any way, grilled or roasted pork, charcuterie, and any smoked meats or fish.

### **About the Name/Label**

It is named after the grapegrowing/winemaking team of René Ours and Emmanuel Bouchard. The lavender image is integral to both their lives—wild lavender growing between René's vineyards, and cultivated lavender that Emmanuel's mother Nancy tends and harvests behind their home for making fine oils and perfumes. "Coteaux des Galets" denotes the "Hills of Stones" that the grapes come from, alluvial deposits formed millions of years ago that aid in the ripening of the grapes by retaining heat long into the cool Valreas summer nights.