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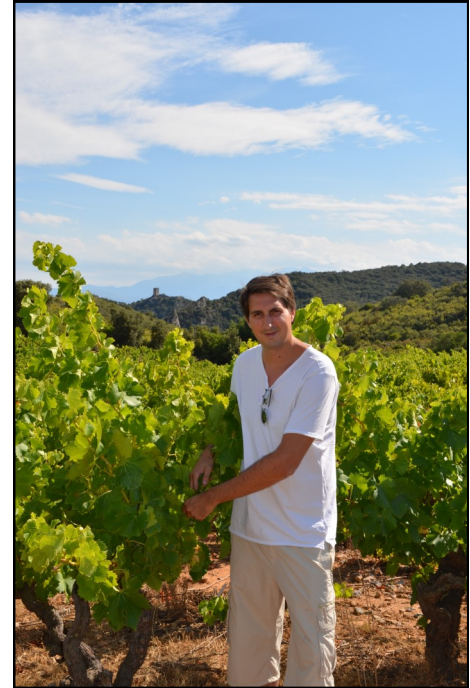


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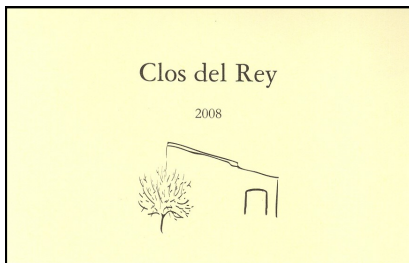
## Clos del Rey Côte du Roussillon

### The Domaine at-a-glance

**Owner:** Jacques & Julien Montagne  
**Winemaker:** Julien Montagne **Year Est:** 2001  
**Soil:** Schist, with some Clay-Limestone soils  
**Size:** 34Ha **Location:** Maury, Roussillon  
**Appellations Produced:** Côte du Roussillon



Julien Montagne



60% Carignan, 40% Grenache

extensive vineyard holdings in Maury, they only keep 6 hectares of vines for their personal production. The rest of the grapes are sold off in bulk. If they chose to, they could make much more wine than they currently produce.

However, years ago they made the decision that, rather than producing large quantities of wine, they would focus on producing small amounts of high quality wine. After having tasted many bottles, and after many visits to their winery, it is clear to me that that gamble has paid off wonderfully.

### Clos del Rey - Le Clos del Rey

**Technical Notes:** All the grapes are hand harvested and brought to the winery in small bins, where they are meticulously sorted for quality. The wine undergoes fermentation using indigenous yeasts, and a very gentle extraction, with 2 punch downs per day during the alcoholic fermentation. The maceration ranges from 25 to 35 days, in temperature controlled tanks. Then, 40% of the volume is put into new barrels of French oak, while 60% remains in tank. The wine is aged for 14 to 18 months (depending on the vintage) before bottling. The yields are extremely low at 12 to 17 hl per hectare.

**Tasting Notes:** The Clos del Rey "Clos del Rey" is the winery's flagship wine. The rocky, isolated, mountaintop vineyard that produces this wine is over 300 meters in altitude. This is the highest vineyard in Maury, and its oldest vines are in excess of 130 years old. These factors combine to create a wine that pushes the limits of extraction while maintaining a balance, and almost deceptively elegance in its finish. The nose is filled with dense black fruit, and intense garrique spice. On the palate, mouth-coating, wild briary fruits, mix with black pepper, and herbs de Provence. The finish is extremely long, and surprisingly elegant for a wine of this power and intensity. Perfect for lamb, cassoulet, and roast beef.

**Only 200 cases produced**

*"... it's clear that old vines, exceptional sites, and meticulous vineyard work combine at this address to minimize disparity across vintages in ripening-curve or quality in general."*

David Schildkencht - The Wine Advocate