

Courant

2005 CÔTES DU RHÔNE, FRANCE

Name Story Courant means “running,” “fluent,” and “current”—references to the mighty Rhône River which brings life and character to the vineyards in the South of France.

Vineyards and Winemaking Red clay and limestone soils. Low-yielding vines (average age 40 years). Extended maceration for 15 days. Tank-aged, unfinned and unfiltered to preserve the purity and intensity of the fruit.

Grapes 100% Syrah. Picked: Sept. 8-13, 2005.

Tasting Notes *Aroma:* Ripe cherry and black currant with overtones of nutmeg and cinnamon. *Taste:* Bold dark berries with sweet tannins and a delicate finish.

Drink by Date Now through 2012.

Winemaker *Louis Barruol.* The Barruol family has a long heritage in winemaking and has been involved with the Château de St. Cosme vineyard since 1490. As a testament to Louis Barruol’s winemaking skills, many of his wines have been consistently rated 90+ pts. Robert Parker affirms, “The young Louis Barruol has quickly emerged as one of the southern Rhône’s most talented young winemakers.”

Reviews

Wine Spectator



87 pts. Daily Wine Pick \$15-\$30.
 “Going strong with fig, currant paste, coffee and dark tar notes on a fleshy, muscular frame.”