

Les Pavés

2005 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE, FRANCE

- Name Story** Les Pavés is the French word for cobblestones, named for the rocky vineyards in Châteauneuf-du-Pape that appear “paved” with stones.
- Vineyards and Winemaking** 40–80 year-old vines on clay and limestone soils surrounding the Château in this historic town just north of Avignon. 25 days extended maceration and temperature-controlled fermentation in small barrels. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered.
- Grapes** 70% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre. Picked: September 30, 2005.
- Tasting Notes** *Aroma:* Wild cherry and strawberry with a hints of violet and herbes de Provence. *Taste:* Full-bodied and complex with soft plum, musk roses and spice with a rich finish.
- Drink by Date** Best 2015 through 2018.
- 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



90 pts. “Plush and concentrated, with a core of blackberry, currant and fig fruit stretched over licorice and tar notes. Sweet smoke and black tea chime in on the solid, ippy finish. Made by Louis Barruol of St.-Cosme.”