

# CHATEAU PONTET BAGATELLE



## Hand crafted wines from Provence

Pontet Bagatelle is a boutique winery located in appellation Côteaux d'Aix en Provence in the South of France. We have a simple philosophy to focus always on quality, not quantity – to pursue excellence, to produce the essence of Provence. We work with nature and technology to enhance what is already there, to create a symbiotic relationship between new technology, the terroir and the ancient savoir faire of winemaking. Our wines are made with passion, hand crafted to capture the colours, fragrances and tastes of nature in a bottle.



## Great wine starts from the vineyard

The vineyard is the starting point for all great wines. It is here that the fundamentals must be right. It is here where we work with nature to encourage only the best quality and then to carefully select it by hand. We discard anything that is not ripe enough or that does not meet our quality threshold.

Because we are small we can pay great attention to detail in the vineyard. We exercise great care to ensure that the grapes have perfect maturity with much analysis during the growing period to enhance flavour, expression and structure.

We start our picking at daybreak so that we maximize the time when it is cooler and we stop at midday before it gets too hot. We use refrigerated trucks to keep the grapes cool before they get back to the cellar to reduce the risk of fermentation beginning. We use crates rather than trailers to avoid damaging the grape skins.



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## The savoir faire of winemaking

In the cellar we have given ourselves the best possible tools with which to make quality wine. We have invested in a new press, new stainless steel cuves, sorting tables, elevateurs and pumps. We have installed air conditioning in all parts of the winemaking and storage process which is important in the hotter Provencal climate. We have complete control over a critical element of wine making and storage – temperature!

We consider our investment in technology to be an essential starting

point and if a winemaker doesn't have it, then he is not part of the same race in which Pontet Bagatelle is running. However, it is in combination with the savoir faire of wine making that we differentiate Pontet Bagatelle. Respect for the terroir and the natural character of the grapes is fundamental to the character and quality we achieve.



## Our wines



### La Rosée de Bagatelle

2007

Our gold medal winning rosé, 90% grenache and 10% syrah.



### Cuvée Rubis

2000

Our gold medal winning aged red, 50% syrah and 50% Grenache



### Cabernet Sauvignon

2007

Our silver medal winning younger red.

## What other people say about Pontet Bagatelle

We have presented our philosophy and our subjective view of what makes Pontet Bagatelle a superior wine. But it is far better to consider the views of others.



"A most sensational pale pink (almost peach) rosé from Aix en Provence. It is a medium bodied rosé with wonderful fruit flavours. This gold medal winning wine looks as good as it tastes, very beautiful, and is the best rosé we have tasted from the South of France". - **Fromvineyardsdirect - one of our distributors in the UK**



"Magnificent nose giving off intense and delicious floral aromas. A hearty and thirst quenching rosé" - **Jacques Dupont, Le Point, France**



"I am very particular about rosé...so when this utterly stunning wine turned up, with its pale pink colour and unavoidably hypnotic aroma, I was transfixed... A Grenache-based stunner...this is a dreamy wine and it makes others look dull and lifeless, particularly at this price". — **Matthew Jukes, Money Week, UK**

