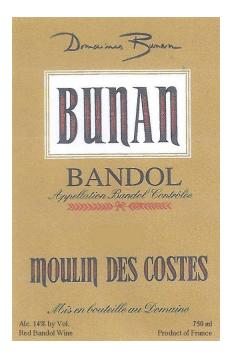
Domaines Bunan Moulin des Costes Bandol Rouge



Throughout the ages, the lords of the medieval Chateau of Le Castellet kept their table supplied with wines from the same legendary terraces which are now known as Moulin des Costes, named for the 18th century Provençal manor house which still overlooks the property. In 1961, brothers Paul and Pierre Bunan purchased this vineyard in the hills above the port of Bandol. The vineyard area is a single plot of 14.56 hectares in the area around the medieval village of Le Castellet. Its subsoil is composed of limestone, sandstone and marl. Over time they have renewed the vineyards, planting the classic Bandol varietals Mourvèdre, Grenache and Cinsault, but many old Mourvèdre vines still remain. Their wines enjoy a great reputation among the Mediterranean resort towns from Marseille to Nice, as well as a healthy export market. The wines of the Bunan domains are farmed organically.

Region: Provence **Appellation:** Bandol

Owner: Laurent Bunan

Established: 1961 Farming Practices: Organic

Soil: Clay, dolomite, gypsum & sandstone.

Vineyard: 12.85 ha

Grape Varieties: Mourvèdre, Grenache, Cinsault and Syrah. Percentages vary upon vintage.

Avg Age of Vines: 50 years Yield/Hectare: 35 hl/ha Avg Production: 5000 cases

Vinification and Élevage: Grapes are de-stemmed and brought into the winery, the old vines Mourvèdre always the last to be harvested. There is a 21 day maceration in stainless steel and wooden, cone-shaped tanks. After fermentation, 18 months of aging takes place in traditional large casks.

Tasting Notes: Deep ruby. Powerful bouquet with a delicate yet earthy nose. Predominant aromas of red fruit, mulberry and raspberry. Full bodied, well balanced with rounded tannins. Hints of pepper, anise and violet.

