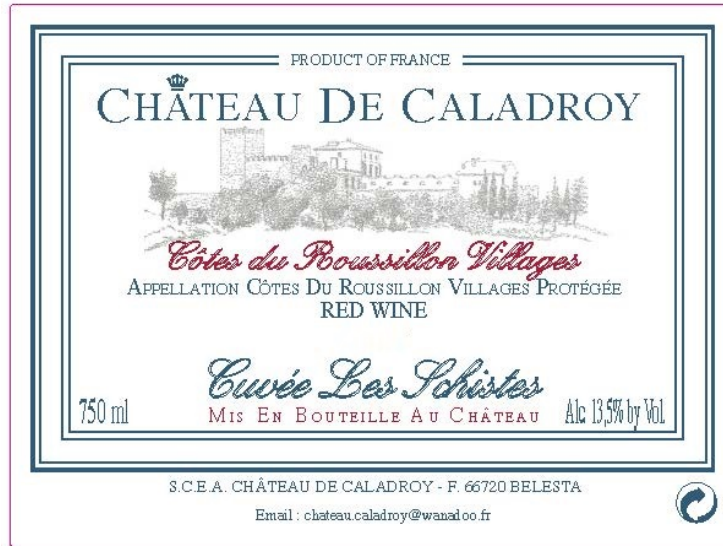


Château de Caladroy

Côtes du Roussillon Villages



Côtes du Roussillon Villages Cuvée Les Schistes 2016

The Caladroy castle is a landmark in the Fenouillèdes hills, a 12-century edifice at some 1,000 feet in altitude. The sun-blasted hillsides surrounding it are dotted with olive trees and paved with vines, their roots delving deep through the black schiste bedrock. This wine, a blend of syrah, carignan, grenache and mourvèdre, speaks of the abundant sun, but also carries a sense of the tramontane wines that blow across the hills, keeping the fruit clean and fresh. It's earthy, almost animale, with chewy, ferrous tannins roping through the cherry-berry fruit. And it lasts for days on the counter after opening--a sure sign that it will age well in the cellar, too.

94 pts—Wine & Spirits Magazine, June 2021

Côtes du Roussillon Villages Cuvée Les Schistes 2015

Caladroy's vineyards sit at an elevation of 1,000 feet in the Fenouillèdes hills, west of Perpignan. The altitude helps preserve freshness in the grapes, clearly perceptible in this blend of syrah, grenache, carignan and mourvèdre, vinified almost entirely in tank. It's juicy and restrained, with lively sour-cherry brightness, while lavender and licorice notes give it a Mediterranean feel.

90 pts—Wine & Spirits Magazine, Best Buy, June 2019