



# CLOS CIBONNE

## 'Top 100 Winery' -Wine&Spirits 2021

**Year Founded: 1797**

**Region: Provence**

**Winemaker and Owner:  
Bridget Roux & Claude  
Deforge**

**Known for: Growing and  
producing Tibouren, a  
unique indigenous varietal  
native to Provence.**

**Cool Fact: Clos Cibonne is a  
classified growth of  
Provence, a top estate in  
the region.**

**-Certified Organic & Vegan-**

The property of Clos Cibonne dates back to 1797 when the Roux Family purchased it from Jean Baptiste de Cibon, captain of the royal marines of Louis XVI. In 1930, André Roux modernized the winery in order to pursue his goal of producing top quality wines at the estate. This revival ignited an era of fame for the rosés of Clos Cibonne. In the

1980s, hard times fell upon the estate and it drifted without clear direction until Bridget, André Roux's granddaughter, and her husband, Claude Deforge, took it over in the late 1990s. Their immediate goal was to bring the estate back to its former grandeur. By renovating the cellars while preserving the tradition of aging in old foudres, the family began to reestablish the vaunted reputation of the domaine. Thanks to their efforts Clos Cibonne once again lives up to its standing as one of the 18 Cru Classés in Côtes de Provence. The heart of the estate is their Tibouren. André Roux was a great fan of this native varietal and believed it to be the ideal grape for the region. As part of his revitalization, he replaced all of the estate's Mourvèdre with Tibouren. Clos Cibonne soon became synonymous with Tibouren and received special permission from the A.O.C. to list the grape on its labels.



The estate's 15 hectares of vineyards are located a mere 800 meters from the coast and are surrounded by hillsides in the base of a bowl that faces the sea. This topography creates air circulation that allows for perfect maturation of the grapes and helps to reduce vintage variation. After harvest, the wines are fermented in stainless steel and then aged under *fleurette* (a thin veil of yeast) in 100-year-old, 500L foudres. Clos Cibonne crafts a wine that is completely its own through combining a rare grape with a unique aging process. There are two rosés currently available from the estate: the classic rosé and the Cuvée Spéciale des Vignettes that is sourced only from the estate's oldest vines. These two wines are complemented by the Cuvée Spéciale Tibouren, a unique red wine made primarily from Tibouren.

## 2024 Cuvée Tradition Rosé



'Top 100 Wines' - Wine Spectator 2022

'Top 100 Wines' - Int'l Wine Report 2019

90% Tibouren and 10% Grenache. Clos Cibonne's iconic Cuvée Tradition stands uniquely apart from other Rosés as a classic, one-of-a-kind Côtes de Provence Rosé featuring the Tibouren grape in the lead role. Cuvée Tradition is legendary amongst experienced French wine collectors for its texture, substance and ability to age gracefully for a decade or more. It is a limited wine made exclusively with estate-grown, organic Tibouren grapes, and a bit of Grenache to meet Côtes de Provence blending guidelines.

After an early morning manual harvest, the grapes are destemmed and directly pressed. The must goes into temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, which are cooled to slow the fermentation process. After fermentation with native yeasts, the wine is racked into 120+-year-old foudres, where it ages biologically on the fine lees for one year sous-voile, under a thin veil of fleurette.

**91 Points – '23 Wine Spectator** - *"Not your typical Côtes de Provence rosé. Weighty and phenolic, with real structure behind its notes of creamed melon and blood orange. A bitter mineral spine brings form. Substantial in weight and complexity, with warm spices and sun tea on the smoky finish alongside a tug of earthiness."*



## 2024 Cuvée Spéciale Tibouren' Cotes de Provence Rouge

An easy-drinking, elegant red wine, composed mainly of the rare, native Tibouren grape from vineyards overlooking the sea, with a small percentage of Grenache. This textured, balanced Mediterranean wine will make you reevaluate preconceived notions about reds from Provence. Great with a slight chill. After an early morning manual harvest, the grapes are destemmed and fermented with native yeasts in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. Maceration lasts ten days, with twice-daily pump-overs. After fermentation, the wine is racked into foudres, where it ages for 4-6 months before bottling.

**91 Points – '23 Robert Parker** - *"Delicate and ethereal aromas of pepper, spices, flowers and red berries preface the distinctive yet perfumed 2023 Cotes de Provence Cuvée Spéciale Tibouren, a red wine crafted from 90% Tibouren and 10% Grenache. Medium-bodied, juicy and tense, it's delicate and crystalline with a fresh, spicy and enveloping mid-palate that segues into a long, ethereal and peppery finish."*