

## 2011 Côtes du Roussillon Villages

Chapoutier, Rhone, France

### Product details

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<b>Vintage:</b>	2011	<b>Drinking:</b>	Now 2025
<b>Producer:</b>	Chapoutier	<b>Alcohol:</b>	
<b>Region:</b>	Rhone	<b>Variety:</b>	
<b>Country:</b>	France		

### Tasting notes

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Imagining the sweetness and purity of diverse berry fruits found in the corresponding “L’Esquerda” bottling allied to the saline savor of the corresponding “Vignes de Bila-Haut” will give you an idea of what awaits from the glass of 2011 Cotes du Roussillon Villages Latour de France Occultum Lapidem ...there is, unsurprisingly, at least as much sheer complexity on display here as in any of Bila-Haut’s wine, with mace, vanilla, licorice, wisteria and rowan taking things in a sweeter and spicier direction than found in their other 2011s. Enveloping richness and an almost velvet feel – so fine are the tannins here – make for a soothing finish whose deeply meaty and salty savor hold my salivary glands in thrall, reminding me of the scallop-like sweetness possessed by some of the finest and most minerally-inflected of white wines. This sensational value should drink beautifully through at least 2025.

### About the producer

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The Chapoutier family motto ‘Fac et Spera’ (do and hope) is an abiding principle that influences everything at their leading Rhone estate, Maison M. Chapoutier. Here they nurture their vineyards with the greatest respect for natural balance and terroir. They have been employing little intervention since they started growing vines here in 1808 and the result is wines with a faithful expression of place, purity of fruit and ethereal sensation. The art of ‘Fac et Spera’ requires patience and daring of course. Patience to allow nature to dictate and preside, daring by the winemaker to observe and be led by the wine itself as it develops, choosing when to assist with this process.

