



MAISONS MARQUES & DOMAINES



DOMAINES OTT

Domaines Ott was founded in 1912 by Marcel Ott, an agricultural engineer from Alsace who dreamed of establishing a great wine estate near the Mediterranean. Marcel Ott moved to Cavalaire in 1896 and founded Château de Selle in 1912, followed by Clos Mireille in 1935 and Château Romassan in 1956. Domaines Ott was owned and managed by the descendants of Marcel Ott until 2004 when the Estates were purchased by Champagne Louis Roederer.

The story of the Ott star: At the turn of the 20th century, Marcel Ott wanted to patent his name and law required that he add a distinctive symbol; he chose the star.

CHÂTEAU DE SELLE APPELLATION: CÔTES DE PROVENCE

Located in the heart of Provence in the Côtes de Provence appellation, Château de Selle, the 18th-century home of the Counts of Provence, was acquired by the Ott family in 1912. The winery is perched high on the plateau of Varand, enjoying abundant sunshine and an arid soil.

KEY POINTS

1. The arid soil is comprised of 40-50% stone, and despite the presence of highly fertile quantities of clay, produces small and concentrated yields. A special vine-stock is used to enhance these qualities.
2. The winery is located on 345 acres of which 160 are cultivated. Each year, additional acres are prepared for planting. In this process, the earth is mechanically tilled and the stone is crushed to maintain the correct balance in the soil.
3. The grapes are all hand-picked, followed by strict and selective sorting and an extremely delicate pressing process.
4. Fermentation is done in thermo-regulated vats followed by aging in oak casks for 6-9 months.
5. Stringent cultivation techniques are practiced using natural fertilizers along with manual debudding for restrictive volume yields.

PRODUCT LIST

- Château de Selle Côtes de Provence Rosé 'Clair de Noirs'

GRAPE VARIETALS

- Cabernet Sauvignon for complexity, blending elegance and vigor
- Grenache to round off the wine and give it body, strength and bouquet
- Cinsault for its finesse, fullness and silky elegance
- Syrah in small quantities to give the wine color and a touch of licorice

