



CHATEAU SAINT-NABOR

Yesterday

Today

Tomorrow...

The history of this Rhône Valley family estate goes back a **few centuries**. To prove it, the current tasting room is located in the remains of an 11th century chapel and this amazing surrounding participates in the whole tasting experience.

Vintners from father to son for **6 generations**; the Castor family is an example of continuity and tradition. From around 1870 until 1945, 3 generations worked on this small farm, growing cereals, fruit, and grapes. Wine production was small and mostly for the family's own consumption.

The first evolution came with **Edmond Castor, 4th generation**. Even though the production was still small and diverse, he focused on taking good care of the vines to produce higher quality wines. His confidence in the great quality of their Terroir pushed him to fight for the attribution of the Appellation of Origin **CÔTES DU RHÔNE** to his home-land : Cornillon. Unfortunately he did not witness this recognition. The Terroir of Cornillon was classified AOC Côtes du Rhône in 1972. After his death, the management of the estate was continued by his wife Emilienne Castor, joined shortly after by her son **Gérard, 5th generation**.

Gérard Castor took over the estate of 7 hectares (17 acres) in 1970. He decided to grow only grapes and to focus on the production of **high quality wines**. During this time there was a large increase in demand. Gérard, a young vintner, started to rent and plant new vines.

In 1972 the tasting room opened to the public. Chateau Saint Nabor was the first to open a tasting room in its local area (the Cèze Valley, a famous touristic area) and the first estate to sell bottled wines, proof of its **leading role** in the wine production of the region.

In the early 90's the estate reached 90 hectares (220 acres) and production was around 4000 hectoliters (105 600 gallons). At this time quality became the prime objective and the focus moved away from "big quantities" to "high quality".

It then became essential to work on the image of the estate; subsequently a **personalized bottle** was created with the name and symbol of Vignobles Saint Nabor. A graphic designer was given the task to create the sophisticated labels that are regularly improved to appeal to the consumer.

The prosperous period of the Côtes du Rhone Wines continued and in 1999 Gérard Castor acquired an estate situated in Saint Michel d'Euzet (8 km from Cornillon); the **DOMAINE DES SANTONILLES** was born. The surface planted under vines reached 140 hectares (345 acres).

After over 40 years of continuous quality-driven development; Gérard's two sons, Jérémie and Raphaël, joined him at the head of the estate in 2011 to perpetuate the tradition of the family.

The two brothers share the same **passion for winemaking and crafting the finest quality wines** which feed their desire to succeed and honor the family tradition.

Jérémie and Raphaël are the 6th generation of vintners in the Castor Family. The tradition of the Castor Family is more than ever perpetuated.