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AOC CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE WHITE 2017



The ancient vineyard of Châteauneuf-du-Pape became world famous when the Popes settled in Avignon in 1350. It later became the first French appellation d'origine in 1933 under the influence of Baron Le Roy. The Cazes family completes its range of quality vineyards by acquiring the Domaine des Sénéchaux located in the heart of prestigious Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation.

The terroir

3 ha located in the commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape on a superficial sandy-clay soil, with a south south-westerly aspect.

The vintage

The dry, mild winter was soon followed by intense heat in May, causing early budbreak. Fortunately, the summer went by without water stress, and by August the grapes were ripening homogeneously throughout the sector. At harvest time, from 1-18 September, the four varieties used in the blend were at a perfect stage of ripeness.

Tasting note

This wine has a nice limpidity, with a pale yellow colour and slight hints of green. The bouquet is intense, offering scents of white flowers, especially acacia. The palate reveals aromas of peach and pear mixed with exotic fruit notes. There is a soft oakiness, with light spiced notes blending with hints of vanilla. The finish is full, with a lovely mineral quality, promising to age well.

Culture

Short pruning, ploughing, organic fertilizer, leaf thinning, manual harvesting.

Vinification

The press was filled by gravity with light crushing of the grapes. Skin maceration of the Roussanne and Clairette. Cold racking, followed by thermo regulated vinification (18°).

Grape varieties

36% Roussane, 30% Clairette, 25% Grenache blanc, 9% Bourboulenc

Aging

The Roussanne was vinified and matured in single-varietal barriques, followed by 6 months maturing on fine lees.

Analysis

Alcohol: 14% vol.

Palmares

92 pts - Robert Parker 2018

92 pts - Vinous 2018

15,5/20 - Jancis Robinson 2018



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