



DOMAINE DES SÉNÉCHAUX
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AOC CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE WHITE 2018

14%

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

2018 was marked by a very cold winter (February-March) followed by heavy rainfall in spring. Budbreak and flowering took place as usual, with no negative impacts on the vine. Mildew caused by the rain was well-managed thanks to favourable summer conditions. We were able to anticipate, and therefore limit, any damage caused by the illness.

The summer was hot and dry, decreasing the mildew and allowing the four grape varieties used in Domaine des Sénéchaux white to ripen evenly.

The harvest was very healthy this year. It took place from 14 to 27 September, early in the morning to keep the grapes as cool as possible and avoid any risk of oxidation.

Tasting notes

This wine is bright and clear, pale yellow in colour with green tints. The first nose offers a lovely intense bouquet.

The palate is elegant, well-balanced and highly aromatic with floral notes (white blossom, hawthorn), pear-like white fruit, candied lemon and sweet spices.

Its personality persists to the finish, where a mineral touch and lovely saline fleshiness provide the typical fresh, rounded characteristics of white wines from the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation.

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

35% Roussanne, 30% Clairette, 27% Grenache blanc et 8% Bourboulenc

Aging

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

Palmarès

93 pts - Jeb dunnuck 2019

91 pts - Robert Parker 2019

Silver Medal, 93 pts - International Wine Challenge 2020

93 pts - Wine Enthusiast 2021



Raw salmon with dill,
Asparagus,
Grilled fish,
Poultry with morels.



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