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AOC CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RED 2019
15,5%

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 contrôlée* in 1933 under the influence of Baron Le Roy. Lying in the heart of this illustrious appellation, the 14th-century Domaine des Sénéchaux is among the region's oldest wineries. It gets its name from one of the estate's principal plots, located in the "Bois Sénéchaux" neighbourhood.

The terroir

The plots are composed of quartzite pebbles and have a south-westerly aspect. There are 3 types of sub-soil : 8 ha of slopes and half-slopes, stony limestone-clay; 11 ha of molasse and safre (sandy limestone); 3 ha of deep sandy soil.

The vintage

The 2019 vintage was characterized by its heat. After a mild winter with a few light frosts (-1 to -2°) and Mistral northerly winds, the month of February was marked by fine weather with temperatures exceeding 20°, leading to a slightly early budburst between 20 and 25 March.

With 130mm of rainfall recorded at the end of winter, parasite damage was very low during spring and flowering took place in perfect conditions from 20 to 30 May.

June to September could only be described as scorching and with no rain, but thanks to the excessive rainfall of 2018, the vines did not suffer from water stress. By September the foliage was still green and the ripeness levels were consistent and optimal. The harvest took place from 9 September to 7 October in perfectly healthy conditions, suggesting potential for high quality in this vintage.

Tasting notes

The 2019 vintage has an intense purple color with violet reflections.

Its bouquet has a beautiful complexity that expresses aromas of ripe fruit, candied blackcurrant, morello cherry and spices, enhanced by a light woody touch.

Its mouth is powerful, supported by dense and silky tannins. Notes of jammy red and black fruits (raspberry, blackberry and spices (liquorice and pepper).

The finish offers toasted notes, balanced by a fine acidity, melted in the maturity of the wine.

Culture

Short cane pruning, ploughing, organic fertilizer, green leaf-thinning, manual harvest.

Vinification

Work in the vat-room proceeded at a regular pace through the vatting period. There was some running off early in the vatting period, and cap punching later.

Grape varieties

58% Grenache noir, 23% Syrah, 19% Mourvèdre

Ageing

Syrah & Mourvèdre : 12 months in barrels of 1 wine

Grenache noir in vats.

Palmares

94 pts - Jeb Dunnuck 2022

94 pts - Decanter "Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2019 & 2009 Panel Tasting" 2022

93 pts - The Wine Cellar Insider 2022

93 pts - Robert Parker 2022

Silver Medal - International Wine Challenge 2022



Quail stuffed with morels,
Jugged hare,
French lamb stew



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