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AOC CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RED 2021

15%



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

Winter influenced the 2021 vintage by an Atlantic climate with regular light rain and no mistral. Bud burst then takes place a little bit late around March 22, with rapid growth under the effect of the heat. Development was then slowed down by a frost episode on April 8 throughout the entire appellation. Its impact was moderate on our estate's plots.

Flowering began on May 26 in good conditions because cryptogamic pressure (diseases) remained very low this year.

Summer was not scorching (dry & hot) unlike previous years and the nights were fresh so the vineyard does not know any period of stress.

The evolution of maturity is slower than previous vintage (about one week). Two rainy episodes then incite to accelerate the rhythm of the harvest in order to maintain a perfect condition of the grapes. The harvest took place from September 13 to 28.

Tasting notes

With a beautiful deep ruby color, intense and brilliant, the 2021 vintage offers an expressive bouquet with a charming aromatic complexity. The aromas of ripe fruit, spices and garrigue are enhanced by a woody, slightly vanilla touch.

The structure is elegant on the palate, with fine tannins. With red fruits (raspberry, cherry) and spices (licorice-zan) notes, we have a nice harmony with the nose. The wine has a nice balance, silky and fresh. The saline finish ends with some discreet notes of toast and sweet spices.

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

55% Grenache noir, 23% Syrah, 22% Mourvèdre

Ageing

Syrah & Mourvèdre: 12 months in barrels of 1 wine
Grenache noir in small (50hL) vats.



Roasted rosemary tomatoes,
Red wine marinated beef,
Game



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