



DOMAINE DES SÉNÉCHAUX
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

DOMAINE DES SÉNÉCHAUX

AOC CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RED 2018
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

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 allowing the grape varieties used in Domaine des Sénéchaux Red to ripen evenly.

Tasting notes

A wine with an intense purple colour which reveals a powerful and complex nose, with ripe red fruits, garrigue and spices aromas. A nice, slightly woody and vanilla aromatic palette.

On the palate, this is a charming and generous vintage, with candied fruit (raspberry, cherry) and liquorice notes combined with silky and delicate tannins. After aeration, it reveals sweet spices and roasted notes.

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.

Palmarès

92 points - Robert Parker
92 points - Wine Enthusiast
91 points - Jeb Dunnuck
16,5 points - Jancis Robinson



Leg of lamb,
Coq-au-vin in red wine sauce,
Pheasant



FINE WINE AMBASSADOR
J.M. CAZES SÉLECTION

