



Domaine Les Cailloux
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Les Cailloux Rouge 2017



CHATEAUNEUF
DU PAPE

An Outstanding Châteauneuf du Pape

Terroir

This cuvée gets its name from the round pebbles in the vineyards. The vineyard is composed of multiple plots, each with their own distinct characteristics which give this wine its incredible complexity: Bois de la Ville and Les Serres have a deficient and filtering gravel bed making for perfect draining of water which forms great concentration of flavor in the grapes. Farguerol and Cansaud have red and blue clays which lend to the extremely rich aromatics of the wine. Finally, Cabrières and Revès, with chalky, limestone soils bring the overall structure and long finish to the blend.

Vintage Notes

The 2017 vintage is now a legendary vintage of Châteauneuf du Pape, at the same level as 1998 or 2010. All the climate conditions came together to create an exceptional vintage and wine. A hot and dry summer, yet absent of any heat waves, coupled with a harvest season without any rain allowed an optimal concentration and maturation of the grapes.

Tasting Notes

A bouquet with dominant aromas of red fruits enhanced by a touch of oak from the barrel-contained Syrah gives way to a palate of juicy, red fruits, leather, and a touch of earth. The tannins are harmonious and elegant and the long finish imparts further nuances of earth and leather. This wine is a model of complexity and elegance with an exceptional aging capacity. Another ten years will easily allow this wine to express its fullest potential.

Pairing

Red meat and other rich game.

Technical Information



Vinification

In concrete vat with destemming at 70% for the Grenache and total destemming for the other grape varieties. Racking and return for 5 weeks.



Maturing

Aging for 18 months in barrels for 1 to 2 years for the Syrah and in concrete vats for 18 months for the other varieties. Final blend aged for 6 months before bottling.



When to Drink

This wine may be enjoyed while still young to fully appreciate the fresh red fruits brought by the Grenache. However, the wines potential will fully reveal itself after a minimum of 5 years and its peak will be at around 10 years.



Blending

70% Grenache, 17% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, 3% Cinsault



Average Age Vines

60 years



Yield

30 hl/h



Type of Harvest

Exclusively manual