

Domaine Font du Vent Cuvée Tradition Châteauneuf-du-Pape France 2021

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Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2021
GRAPE Grenache/Blend
GEOGRAPHY Europe
COUNTRY France
LARGER REGION Rhône Valley
SMALLER REGION Southern Rhône
SUB REGION Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Rationale

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the southern French Rhône wine region, is one of those celebrated spots that it is even known among those for whom wine is a mystery. CDP, its acronym, is a historic wine region located between the towns of Orange and Avignon, and is famous for powerful, full-bodied red wine, largely made from the classic southern Rhône grape trio of Grenache-Syrah-Mourvèdre. Indeed, the three grape varieties are behind most of the appellation's red wines. However, a total of eighteen red and white grape varieties are approved and authorized.

Chateauneuf du Pape takes its name from the time when the Pope moved to Avignon in 1309 due to issues between the King of France and the Papacy. Eight different Popes served in Avignon as the Papacy remained in Chateauneuf du Pape until 1378

A classic red Châteauneuf-du-Pape is typically rich and full-bodied with prominent red and black fruit flavors like raspberry, blackberry, and cherry, alongside earthy notes of garrigue (wild herbs), spice, pepper, leather, and sometimes a hint of gamey character, often with a noticeable texture due to the blend of Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvèdre grapes.

In 1950, Etienne Gonnet created Font de Michelle with vines planted across 30 hectares of adjoining land. Etienne sold his wine to negociants and hoped to bottle his own wine someday but would never live to see his dream become a reality. In 1975, following Etienne's untimely death, his sons Jean and Michel took control of the estate. Today, their sons, Bertrand and Guillaume, are in charge.

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright
CLARITY Clear
COLOR DEPTH Medium
COLOR Ruby
RIM VARIATION Purple
Stained Tears: Low

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry
ACID Med+
ALCOHOL High
TANNIN Med+
TEXTURE Round / Smooth
FINISH Med+
COMPLEXITY Med+

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Plum • Red Raspberry • Red / Sour Cherry • Strawberry *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*
BLACK FRUIT Black Cherry • Black Fig • Black Plum • Blackberry *Condition: Ripe, Jammy / Candied*
FLORAL Lavender *Condition: Fresh*
GREEN VEGETABLE Dark Leafy Greens
OTHER VEGETABLE Olive (Black) • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Beet / Beet Root
HERBAL Thyme • Rosemary • Garrigue / Provence • Chicory
OTHER SPICES Licorice (Red) • Black Pepper • Licorice (Black) • Green Peppercorn
ORGANIC EARTH Turned Dirt / Potting Soil • Forest Floor
INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock
ANIMAL Leather • Meat
OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*
OAK INFLUENCE Sandalwood • Cacao / Chocolate
OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Walnut • Almond / Marzipan • Pistachio