CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL





Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2015

PRESENTATION
The production of white wine at Beaucastel is limited as we only have 7 hectares of white vines planted. The main variety is Roussanne, representing 80% of the blend.

THE VINTAGE
2015 was a magnificent year in the south as well, characterized by excellent sanitary conditions thanks to the mild, wet winter, followed by a relatively hot, dry spring. The vines coped well with the extreme heat and lack of rain in the summer thanks to good hydric reserves. Following satisfactory flowering, rapid and regular ripening was assisted by rain that fell in August, producing berries rich in phenolic compounds and anthocyanins. As in the north, harvesting took place under excellent conditions.

LOCATION
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TERROIR
Molasse seabed of the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles).

AGEING
Handpicked in small cases, sorting of the grapes, pneumatic pressing, settling of the juice, fermentation (30% in oak barrels, 70% in tanks) for 8 months. Bottling after 8 months.

VARIETALS
Roussanne 80%, Grenache blanc 15%, Picardan, Clairette, Bourboulenc 5%

SERVING
10°C in INAO glasses.

TASTING
The 2015 vintage is a beautiful bright colour with green undertones. Great aromatic intensity with delicate notes of white- flesh fruits (peach) and spices bringing complexity and acidity to the wine. The mouth is long and persistent with a slightly iodine finish.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Robert Parker WINE ADVOCATE

92-94/100
"The 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc offers classic, gorgeous notes of buttered citrus, honeycomb, stone fruits and hints of pineapple. It's a fresh, medium to full-bodied, elegant white that will put on a touch of weight by the time it's bottled; it will have to ability to drink well for 3-4 years and keep for decades."
Jeb Dunnuck, Wine Advocate, 01/11/2016

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93/100
"Year's best Rhône Wines : The Perrin's farm about 17 acres of white varieties at Beaucastel, the majority of it Foussanne. That grape accounts for about 80 percent of this wine, with bourboulenc, clairette, grenache blanc and picardan making up the rest. Vinified mostly in the tank, with 30 percent in barrel, it strikes a head-turning balance between juicy, peachy fruit and breezy, floral delicacy. The wine grows in breadth as it takes on air, roussanne's nutty warmth coming up alongside garrigue-like notes of earth and herbs, and yet it retains its initial energy, even after a couple days open on the counter."
Wine & Spirit, 01/02/2017

Antonio Galloni vinous explore all things wine

92/100
"Light yellow. Mineral-accent orange, melon and poached pear on the highly perfumed nose, backed by a hint of smokiness. Offers juicy citrus and orchard fruit flavors, along with hints of bitter quinine and honey that build slowly with air. Shows impressive depth as well as energy on the finish, which hangs on with strong minerally persistence."
Antonio Galloni, Vinous, 01/12/2016

bettane + desseauve

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Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France, 01/08/2017

Wine Spectator

95/100
"This is broad and rich in feel, with creamed melon, heather honey, yellow apple and mirabelle plum notes all gliding along together. Light straw, honeysuckle and macadamia nut accents gild the lengthy and seductive finish."
James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, 20/06/2018

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