CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL





Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2016

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
The 2016 vintage in the Southern Rhone valley is exceptional, both in terms of quality and quantity, thanks to idyllic weather conditions that protected the region from climatic accidents throughout the whole year.

LOCATION
Château de Beaucastel has 7 hectares of white varieties.

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
Pretty pale yellow colour, this Beaucastel white 2016 is delicate with intense notes of white flowers and honeysuckle and a slightly saline attack that gives the wine a nice balance. A very harmonious vintage with a long finish.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

JEB DUNNUCK
95/100
"Just sensational, and one of the best examples of this cuvée out there, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc boasts phenomenal notes of orange blossom, salty minerality, caramelized peach, and spice. Rich, full-bodied, unctuous and yet always pure and elegant, it's one of the finest white coming from this hallowed appellation."
Jeb Dunnuck, 19/10/2017

bettane + desseauve
17/20
Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France, 03/09/2018

Decanter
96/100
"Rich and fulsome aromatics, with oak supporting rather than subsuming, adding a lick of spice to the fresh pear scents. Full-bodied, but only just for a white Châteauneuf. Lovely freshness, keen and mineral. Really well done this year, showing no signs of heaviness."
Matt Walls, Decanter, 09/10/2017

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96/100

"The 2016 Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is a stunning wine from this famed estate. Needing more than an hour decant to fully develop, this starts off with beeswax, brandy soaked pear, nutmeg, and ripe banana that impress, as the intoxicating bouquet continues to bring you back to the glass. On the palate, the unctuous mouthfeel entices the senses. Silky smooth gliding through the palate, flavors reminiscent of baked pear, marzipan, banana bread and honeydew melon move through, leading to an exceeding long and satisfying finish. The salinity and light stony character of the wine further pushes this into the upper echelon of this prestigious region in the Rhone Valley. Enjoyable now, this wine will cellar well for decades."

International Wine Report, 27/08/2018

94/100

"Light brilliant yellow. A highly complex bouquet evokes ripe citrus and orchard fruits, white flowers and smoky minerals, and an exotic saffron nuance emerges as the wine opens up. Sappy and penetrating on the palate, offering concentrated Meyer lemon, pear nectar, candied ginger and toasted brioche flavors that become more lively on the back half. Distinctly powerful yet lithe as well, finishing with noteworthy energy and lingering floral and mineral flourishes.""

Wine Advocate, 29/10/2018

94/100

"Fermented and aged in concrete and old oak. Enticing citrus aromas, and a touch of florality. An energetic style with freshness, balanced acidity and a focused finish. A contemporary rendition. Drinking Window 2019 - 2020."

Decanter, 01/01/2019

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