



# Southern Rhône

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wine selection



## Xavier Vignon, La Reserve XV XVI XVII, AOP Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Red

AOP Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vallée du Rhône, France

Xavier inherited from his parents two fundamental values: the love for a job well done and the capacity to transmit knowledge. His in-depth knowledge, his mentors, all the vintners have been working with and his incredible memory have been forging his style and identity : terroir driven, fruity and complex wines supported by freshness and minerality. Each cuvee under the Arcane series is the solo expression of a vintage, a grape or a terroir.

### PRESENTATION

This blend 2015-2016-2017 represents more than 100 parcels on the appellation Châteauneuf du Pape spreading over the terroirs of La Crau, the pebbles, the urgoniens and the sand.

### TERROIR

This 2015 - 2016 - 2017 blend represents more than 100 parcels in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, spread over the Crau terroirs, the galets roulés, the urgoniens and the sables.

### WINEMAKING

Vinification was carried out with particular care to preserve elegance and finesse. The grapes are harvested by hand, destemmed and sorted on the vine.

### AGEING

Peu de manipulation des raisins pendant la vinification et pas d'extraction mécanique pendant la fermentation pour favoriser une diffusion douce des arômes, de la couleur et pour respecter la noblesse des tannins.

### VARIETALS

Grenache noir 60%, Exact blend unknown from local vineyards 25%, Cinsault 15%

14,5 % VOL.

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

### SERVING

15°C/59°F

### AGEING POTENTIAL

Over 15 years

### TASTING

Super rich and complex style with abundant red, blue and purple fruit aromas framed in fresh herbs, gently spicy and woody notes. The palate has intensity and focus, delivers a ripe, rich and succulent impression and holds long.

### FOOD PAIRINGS

Grenadins of Rossini doe - Chitarra pasta with shellfish, tomatoes, garlic and Espelette pepper - Gratin of butternut with Fourme d'Ambert cheese.



## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

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"The NV Châteauneuf Du Pape Reserve XV XVI XVII comes primarily from the magical 2016 vintage with smaller amounts from 2015 and 2017. It offers an extraordinary nose of blackcurrants, ground pepper, garrigue, and crushed violets. Rich, full-bodied, and incredibly seamless, with a stacked mid-palate, this is Châteauneuf Du Pape brilliance all the way. It's terrific today yet will keep for 15+ years."

**Jeb Dunnuck**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

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"Ripe-plum, cherry, vanilla and mocha aromas. Herbs and black olives, too. It's full-bodied with firm, creamy tannins. Rich, chewy and savory, yet also elegant for the appellation. Drink or hold."

**James Suckling**

