



DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD

Domaine de Beurenard, Le Boisrenard, Le Boisrenard, AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Blanc, 2022

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



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THE VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage is very much in line with the superb, luminous vintages that we experienced in 2017 and 2019. The abundant rain that fell in the autumn of 2021, replenishing the groundwater reserves, was an essential element of its success.

The winter was quite dry, and a strong Mistral wind in the first days of April prevented new episodes of frost. It set the rhythm for what turned out to be a dry and relatively mild winter, with less than 50mm of rainfall between March and May.

The summer was characterized by extreme drought, with temperatures that were certainly high, but not excessive, notably thanks to the cool nights. Thanks to their deep rooting systems, structured soils, and cover crops that limited the amount of evapotranspiration from the soil, the vines were able to continue their growing cycle without incident to produce grapes at perfect maturity.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape was also touched by three heavy hailstorms, on June 5 and 24 and again on August 14, that swept across certain sectors of the appellation causing limited damage to the west-facing parts of some of our parcels.

The damage caused by the brutal storm of August 14, particularly worrying given the proximity to the harvest, was fortunately restricted to certain areas, and immediately attenuated by the drying effect of the Mistral which began blowing following day. This kept the grapes healthy, warding off the development of rot and starting the healing process for the wood, essential for next year's vintage.

With hindsight we can see that the way we manage our vineyards - with plant infusions, high density planting, choice of orientation of the rows, no trimming, and use of cover crops, etc., - was once again invaluable in attaining optimum ripeness and the purest expression of our terroirs.

Harvesting took place in good conditions between August 26 and October 6.

TERROIR

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is characterized by the diversity of its soils, with a mosaic of plots where different varieties grow together on limestone rock, round pebbles on a clay substrate with varying amounts of iron, and fine sedimentary sand.

IN THE VINEYARD

Selected plots, of mainly old vines of the 13 varieties of the appellation planted together.



WINEMAKING

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard. Long, gentle pressing, co-fermentation in small oak foudres.

AGEING

Matured for 6 months in these same foudres.

VARIETALS

Assemblage des 6 cépages blancs, Dominante Clairette et Roussanne.

TASTING

The Boisrenard white 2022 offers an intense bouquet with notes of hazelnuts, toasted almonds and brioche. On the palate, freshness and tension create a distinguished wine with a saline finish.

FOOD PAIRINGS

John Dory roasted with pink pepper and thyme.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Decanter 96/100

"On a higher level to the domaine's Tradition cuvée this year, this has really fresh and lively aromatics and a delightfully vibrant palate. The star fruit and pear flavours have huge impact, and it has remarkable lightness for a wine with such concentration. Long, well balanced and impressive. Also contains 11% Bourboulenc and 1% each of various other white varieties. Biodynamic, fermented and aged in foudres and old barriques. 4,000 bottles made."

Matt Walls, Decanter

JEB DUNNUCK 94/100

"A smaller production cuvée based on a mix of just about all the white varieties, the 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape Boisrenard Blanc is a similar medium gold hue and boasts a brilliant perfume of honeyed orange, white peach, white flowers, spice, and crushed stone. This rich, medium to full-bodied, focused, and elegant white shows a vibrant, clean, lengthy style that will benefit from 6-12 months of bottle age and, I suspect, evolve gracefully for at least 4-6 years."

Jeb Dunnuck, Jeb Dunnuck

