



DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD

Domaine de Beurenard - Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2022

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



PRESENTATION

Domaine de Beurenard, property of the Coulon family, affirms its singularity within the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation through the diversity of its soils, its culture of complanted grape varieties, and its biodynamic farming.

Historical production, this Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the white "Grand assemblage" from the estate. The harmonious interlacing of its six grape varieties creates an elegant, fresh and saline wine.

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

The grapes are hand-picked and sorted in the vineyard.

WINEMAKING

Long, gentle pressing and co-fermentation.

AGEING

Maturing in stainless steel vats, small foudres and oak barrels for 6 months.



VARIETALS

Blend of 6 white grapes of the appellation, Clairette blanche & Rose, Grenache Blanc & Gris, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Picpoul & Picardan

TASTING

This wine symbolizes our love for white Châteauneuf-du-Pape. We find delicate floral notes, a fresh and dynamic texture with a salty finish. Just like a walk in our Provençal "Garrigue".

FOOD PAIRINGS

Scallop and leek crumble.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Wine Spectator

94

"A beautifully alluring white, with acacia flower perfume followed by slightly honeyed citrus and yellow apple. Shows a savory bed of crushed flint that grounds the palate, filled out with fleur de sel and shortbread notes. Brimming with energy, this is well-balanced through the medium-to-long finish, which is flecked with grapefruit pith and smoke. Grenache Blanc, Clairette Blanche, Grenache Gris, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Picpoul de Pinet, Picardan and Clairette Rose. Drink now through 2032. 600 cases made, 400 cases imported."

Kristen Bieler, Wine Spectator

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"Fruit de l'assemblage de cinq cépages, cette cuvée évoque le maquis avec ses senteurs fraîches mais méridionales. Son fruit en bouche est dense et ramassé, avec de fins amers et une agréable sapidité. Un blanc très pur, élégant avec du fond."

Robert Petronio, La Revue du Vin de France

JEB DUNNUCK

94-95

"Looking first at the classic 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc, it has a medium gold hue as well as terrific orange blossom, stone fruit, and honeyed flower-like aromas and flavors. It's medium-bodied, has a layered, textured mouthfeel, nicely integrated acidity, and a crisp, mineral laced style on the finish. It's a terrific white for enjoying over the coming 3-5 years or so. As normal, this Cuvée is mostly Roussanne, Clairette, and Grenache Blanc, but includes plenty of other varieties, aged mostly in stainless steel, with a tiny 3% in new barrels."

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