





# Our Winegrowers Wines, Font de Joubert, AOP Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Rouge, 2018

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

Built on a sandy mound the Font de Joubert lieu-dit and vineyards invite you to take things easy, as you stroll from one little square to the next via winding lanes and curious water springs. Its gently sloping, drawn-out vineyards are planted in sandy soils, decalcified red clays and gravelly pebbles of various sizes.

#### **PRESENTATION**

If there is French wine that everyone deserves to taste, it's probably Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It's like the gateway drug to French wine: its wide array of aromas and flavors are reminiscent of a Provençal marketplace while its texture—rich and round, sumptuous and opulent—is virtually unmatched by most of the wines of the world.

#### IN THE VINEYARD

Wines produced under the Font de Joubert label are made by the Charrier family from old vines, many over 100 years old. Their vineyards are farmed in the region's abundant sunshine and frequent wind (called Mistral) which precludes the need of herbicides or pesticides, and from where they produce a wine of immense finesse, great freshness, almost crunchy and very well balanced, never masked by aging in oak.

## WINEMAKING

The vineyards are located next door to the famous Rayas property and Caroline Charrier has no truck with the current fashion for destalking and ferments with all the stems still intact. The wines are vinted and aged in concrete vessels only, and are bottled unfined and unfiltered. Long after fermentation maceration in tanks for 2 to 4 weeks and aging in concrete vessels for a minimum of twelve months.

## **VARIETALS**

Grenache noir 99%, Mourvèdre 1%

## 15 % VOL.

GM: No.

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

## **SERVING**

Decant wines for about one hour, and less for older wines. Serve cool, below room temperature to slow evaporate alcohol at around  $60-65\,^{\circ}F$  /  $16-18\,^{\circ}C$ .

# AGEING POTENTIAL

10 to 15 years

# TASTING

This 99% Grenache cuvée displays charming and complex aromas of garrigue, ripe cherries and raspberries. It's lush and creamy in texture despite being vinted and aged in concrete; the tannins are soft, giving it a lush, creamy mouthfeel and a delicate finish that still retains a sense of power.

