

2017

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE



V I N T A G E

« *Excellent but confidential* »

Exceptional in many aspects, 2017 witnessed weather records that led to an early and small harvest. The main characteristic of this vintage however is certainly the outstanding quality of the wines produced. Well balanced wines, rich and with beautiful silky tannins.

S O I L

The grapes come from a variety of vineyard sites – Montalivet, La Crau, Les Blachières, Coste Froide, Bois Seneseau, Palestor, Bois Dauphin, Pied de Baud, Les Bousquets, Les Parrans, Les Marines, these localities extend from the north to the south of the appellation. The orientation of the vineyards, the local climates and the soils are extremely varied (quartzite deposits, sands, mollasic sandstone, marine clay...) and allows one to adapt the varietal to the particular plot or to use the various expressions of the same varietal.

W I N E M A K I N G

A partial destemming takes place and the vats are gravity filled. The wine is made avoiding maximal extraction, on the contrary the sought after qualities are elegance and freshness. The free run juice and the press juice are raised separately, mainly in concrete tanks where they undergo their malolactic fermentation. After the final blend is made the wine continues to mature in big vats.

Aging : 90% big vats (60 years old) and 10% old barrels

B L E N D

70% Grenache - 12% Syrah - 12% Mourvèdre - 6% Others
(Cinsault, Cunoise, Vaccarèse, Terret noir, Picpoul noir, Muscardin)

A L C O H O L : 15 %vol

S E R V I C E T ° : 15°C