

Barberini Rouge 2020, A.O.C. Châteauneuf-du-Pape Produit en conversion vers l'agriculture biologique FR-BIO-01

Blend

The grenaches come from old vines planted on the high Quaternary alluvial terraces surrounding the estate. These famous soils of pebbles of quartzites and clays, they give the Cuvée Barberini a great tannic and aromatic power.

- 65 % Grenache noir
- 20 % Mourvèdre
- 15 % Syrah

Winemaking and aging

Harvesting is done by hand in 25 kg crates. After a double selection of the best bunches in the vineyard then on a sorting table, the grapes are crushed and partially destemmed. They are vinified by gravity in concrete vats. Long macerations with gentle extractions provide these tannins both powerful and velvetines. This vintage is aged for 65% in barrels and half barrels for 20 months and 40% in concrete vats.

The wine is bottled without filtration or fining.

The Vintage 2020

Rendement 30 hectolitres/hectare et 5000 bouteilles, 300 magnums

Tasting notes

A powerful nose, which mixes aromas of tobacco, violet, milk caramel. A velvety mouth with aromas of licorice and morello cherry, with a lingering chocolate finish.

Food pairing

This wine, still in its youth, will be paired with red meats such as a prime rib, but also, for example, a lamb tagine with apricots, duck breasts with cherries and, with a dozen years, a hare "à la royale".

Recommendations

- To be consumed within 3 to 20 years after the vintage.
- Service temperature: 16-18 ° C.



Notes

Wine spectator 93/100

Offers crushed dark plum, baked cherry pie and rooibos tea flavors that are fleshy yet pure, with good vibrancy and lift. Juicy and supple, with chalky tannins coasting through the medium-length finish, with graphite adding mineral depth. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. Drink now through 2035. —K.B.

Jed Dunnuck 94/100

The 2020 Châteauneuf Du Pape Barberini is a more modern styled effort based on 65% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre, and 15% Syrah that's brought up in new barrels and concrete tanks. Its deeper ruby/plum color is followed by a great nose of both red and black fruits as well as chocolate, ground pepper, and spicy, meaty nuances. Playing in the supple, forward style of the vintage, it's medium to full-bodied, has a layered, elegant mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. Despite a kiss of barrique on the nose, this is pure Provençal goodness.

James Suckling 95/100

A very imposing Chateauneuf with enormous depth of Mediterranean herb aromas that makes a bold statement on the expansive palate, but also has wonderful freshness for this density. Underplayed tannic power in spite of the huge scale. Stacks of black berries, sour cherries and orange zest at the very long finish. From organically grown grapes. A cuvee based on grenache, syrah and mourvedre from old vines growing on the the galet cobblestone soils. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.