



CUVÉE RÉSERVE SECRÈTE 2017, A.O.C. CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Blend

The Grenache are from the oldest part of the Domaine de la Solitude, planted by my great-grandfather at the beginning of last century it is located on the western slope of "La Crau" on a terroir of safre. The Syrahs flourish on the fresh soil of Safre des "Blachieres".

- 60% centennial black Grenache
- 40% Syrah

These two great Terroirs are always vinified separately but only the great years, 5 vintages of the last 10 Secret Reserve is created.

Vinification & 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 vinified in all cluster for the Grenache and the Syrahs are destemmed. The vinification takes place in concrete tank. The is carefully aged for 18 months and 60% in barrels. The barrels of exceptional qualities are made from Colbert oak from the french forest of Tronçais. The wine is assembled and refined in Foudre barrel for 12 months before being bottled without filtration or fining.

Vintage 2017

Yield of 22 hectoliters / hectare. 1200 bottles, 150 magnums produced.

Tasting notes

Powerful, elegant and refined wine built for the long guard. Intense nose of blackberry, blackcurrant, worn by empyreumatic notes. The dense mouth of this wine blends beautifully notes of tan, cherry, cedar and continues with an intense and persistent finish.



Recommendations

- To be drink from 2023 through 2037.
- Service temperature: 16-18 ° C.

Ratings

- **Jeb Dunnuck 97/100**

“Reminding me a little bit of the 2006 with its beautiful balance and incredibly Provençal character, the 2017 Châteauneuf du Pape Reserve Secrete boasts a deeper ruby/plum hue to go with a killer bouquet of Provençal garrigue, mulled red and black fruits, new saddle leather, Asian spices, and black licorice. Full-bodied, concentrated, and powerful on the palate, it nevertheless has an incredible sense of elegance as well as silky tannins, no hard edges, and one blockbuster of a finish. As with most 2017s, it’s already drinking nicely today, yet it’s going to evolve gracefully for 15-20 years or more.”

(Tasting date : June 10th, 2020.)