



Cuvée Réserve Secrète 2019, A.O.C. Châteauneuf-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”.

- 65% centennial black Grenache
- 35% 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 90% 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 15 months before being bottled without filtration or fining.

Vintage 2019

Yield of 25 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



Rewards

- **Wine spectator 95/100**

Sleek and inviting, with showy red plum, winey raspberry coulis and blackberry liberally layered with warm cedar and smoked vanilla bean. Boasts black pepper and crushed garrigue that bring freshness, succulent acidity and balance. This has great length and still needs time to unfurl its tightly coiled layers. Grenache and Syrah. Best from 2024 through 2035. —K.B.

- **Jeb Dunnuck 98/100**

“Partially destemmed and based on 65% Grenache and 35% Syrah, aged all in foudre, the 2020 Châteauneuf Du Pape Réserve Secrète offers an absolutely heavenly bouquet of pure red and black fruits, smoky garrigue, savory flowers, and ground pepper. This carries to a full-bodied 2020 with a pure, layered mouthfeel that carries polished, fine tannins, no hard edges, and a gorgeous finish. It shows the softer, more accessible style of the 2020 vintage and is a dream of a wine to enjoy over the coming 10-15 years.”

- **James Suckling 98/100 - Stuart Pigott**

Here's a giant Chateauneuf that miraculously manages to remain vibrant and uplifting in spite of the enormous concentration and giant tannin structure. Just beginning to really open up, but it already has breathtaking aromas of savory, camphor, pine cones and wild blackberries. The finish goes on for minutes. A cuvee of century old vines of grenache (60%) and syrah (40%) from vineyards on sandy soil. Aged for 18 months in barrel, then aged for another year in foudre. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.

#73 from TOP 100 WORLD WINES 2023 AND WINE OF THE YEAR - James Suckling