



Vin de la Solitude 2021, A.O.C. Châteauneuf-du-Pape
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Blend

it is a tribute to our ancestor Paul Martin, who was one of the first French winemakers to sell his wine in bottles in the 18th century under the name "Vin de la Solitude".

Made according to the 18th-century vinique art with very different blends where Grenache is not dominant. The wine consists of a large number of co-fermented grapes with much longer macerations than those made today.

We have reissued the four original labels of the Wine of Solitude.

- Clairette 30%
- Roussanne 20%
- Grenache Blanc 20%
- Clairette rose 10%
- Bourboulenc 10%
- Picpoul 10%

Winemaking and Aging

The grapes of each grape variety are harvested by hand and then put in vats over their maturity. After pressing them, the juices are co-fermented in barrels of several wines. The alcoholic fermentation is due to indigenous yeasts, followed by the malolactic fermentation.

The wine is raised in barrels on lies for 10 months without raking. It is bottled without fining or filtering.

The vintage 2021

Total production: 856 bottles et 50 magnums.

Recommendations

- To consume now through 2030.
- Serving temperature: 10/12 °C.



Notes

Jed Dunnuck 97/100

The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Le Vin De La Solitude Blanc is a unique blend of 30% Clairette, 20% Roussanne, 20% Grenache Blanc, and 10% each Bourboulenc, Picpoul Blanc, and Clairette Rosé. Its medium gold hue is followed by an exotic bouquet of honeyed stone fruits, quince, flowers, brioche, and crushed stone. Rich, medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and textured, it's a brilliant, seamless, powerful white that does everything right. I followed this bottle for multiple days, and it only got better with air. I would drink bottles over the coming 5-7 years, but I suspect it will have an interesting evolution well beyond that.

Decanter 98/100

Full-bodied, generous and broad, then a powerful beam of surging acidity rides in to refresh and cleanse the palate. The oaking is robust and will take time to harmonise, but this has the underlying power, concentration and extract to take it. Great length; an expansive, rich and regal Châteauneuf blanc. Also contains 10% each of Bourboulenc, Clairette Rose and Piquepoul. Grown organically on sand, matured in new barriques. Just 958 bottles produced.

James Suckling 94/100

Very complex nose of grapefruit peel, almond paste, orange, toast and herb aspic. Fascinating textural complexity on the full-bodied palate with the rather low acidity for this vintage actually accentuating this unique personality. A co-fermentation of 30% clairette, 20% roussanne, 20% grenache blanc, 10% clairette rose, 10% bourboulenc and 10% picpoul in old oak barrels. From organically grown grapes. Very limited production. Drink or hold.