



Vin de la Solitude 2021, A.O.C. Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Vin issu de l'agriculture biologique FR-BIO-01 – Organic wine

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.

- Grenache noir 25%
- Serine 22% (ancêtre de la Syrah)
- Cunoise 20%
- Mourvèdre 20%
- Cinsault 7%
- Clairette 3%
- Clairette rose 2%
- Roussanne – Picpoul – Bourboulenc 1%

Winemaking and Aging

The grapes of each grape variety are harvested by hand and then put in vats over their maturity. The first varietal Syrah is tanked in early September while the latter, Cunoise early October. They are co-fermented in whole bunches in a wooden conical tank. The alcoholic fermentation is very long, it lasts more than a month and the vatting has lasted 80 days.

Aged for 15 months in barrel the wine is then bottled without fining or filtration.

The vintage 2021

Total production : 2804 bottles and 180 magnums.

Tasting notes

Floral nose with black berries and spices. A mouth with aromas of cassis, bouquet of garrigue. It is an elegant and refined wine, tannic while remaining fresh.



Rewards

Wine spectator 93/100

Stylish and modern, with a sleek beam of fresh, juicy cherry and red currant layered with baking spices, toasted cedar and smoke. Shows good harmony on the palate, with a fine vein of minerality that glides through the silky finish. Cunoise, Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Roussanne and Roussanne. Drink now through 2030. —K.B.

Decanter 95/100

Beautifully detailed nose with peppery freshness. Intense, with fine tannins, gently saline and not overly marked by wood this year - lovely drinkability. This is excellent and based on a recipe belonging to an ancestor of the Lançon family. It's unusual in its proportion of Cunoise; with it are co-fermented Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Clairette Rose and Grenache Blanc. Aged in three-year-old barriques. No filtration or fining. 2,600 bottles made.

Jeb Dunnuck 90/100

“The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Vin De La Solitude was first produced in 2016, and it's always an interesting blend of just about all of the permitted varieties. Aged in old oak, it has a healthy ruby/plum hue to go with exotic notes of black cherries, currants, peppery herbs, iron, leather, and savory, baking spices. These all carry over to the palate, where the wine is medium-bodied, has a layered, supple, savory mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and outstanding length.”

James Suckling 99/100

10 Apr, 2024 – Pour yourself a glass of this and spend an hour experiencing how it opens up in stages. At first there's an incredibly zesty and dangerously vibrant nose, but with great savory complexity. Then notes of dried cherries, candied oranges and touches of bitter chocolate emerge. And when you think it's all done, a spicy and balsamic character unfurls. Incredible energy and purity on the very focused medium- to full-bodied palate, where the huge tannins feel astonishingly delicate. An almost endless mineral finish. A cuvee based on cunoise, grenache, syrah and mourvedre with 10% white grapes, most of which are clairette and all of which are biodynamically grown. 100% whole cluster, macerated for 90 days, then aged for three years in old oak barrels. Drink or hold.