

DOMAINE LA BOUTINIÈRE

VIEILLES VIGNES LA CRAU 2018

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

BACKGROUND

Domaine La Boutinière was founded in 1920 by Félix Vidal. This family-owned company is now run by fourth-generation winemaker, Frédéric Boutin, who has been the owner and winemaker since 1997. Domaine La Boutinière has 27 acres of vineyards in eight different parcels within Châteauneuf-du-Pape, including the Crus of La Crau, Le Boucou, Coste Froid, and Roumigièrre. Vines are an average of 70 years old and the wines are produced from all 13 grape varieties allowed in the Châteauneuf appellation.

APPELLATION

Rhône, France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

78% Grenache, 16% Mourvèdre, 6% Syrah

TERROIR & VINTAGE NOTES

This Cuvée Grande-Réserve Rouge is a plot selection of old vines planted in 1902 on the famous lieu-dit of "La Crau." This parcel grows at an elevation of 394 feet above sea level on a sandy soils covered with large quartz pebbles called "Galets" over a red clay subsoil.

The average age of the vines is 100 years.

WINEMAKING & AGEING

Manual harvest with sorting in the vineyard and in the cellar. 80% is destemmed. The grape varieties are vinified separately in wooden vats, with pumping and load shedding, a maceration of 25–45 days, depending on the grape variety.

Aged 20% in barrels and 80% in conical wooden vats for a period of 12 months.

TASTING NOTES

A nose of remarkable aromatic intensity and eminently complex. The first scent announces the Mirabelle plum, plum, blood oranges and dried roses, leading to sandalwood, sweet notes of blond tobacco, sage and garrigue.

On the palate, black fruit (blackcurrant, black cherry, fig, blackberry, blueberry) with notes of white and black pepper, garrigue and Mirabelle plum brandy. The tannins are silky and subtle; the texture on the palate is also complex, since the chewiness is indisputable while offering a fine and mellow velvety texture. The finish is sweet and offers an endless aromatic persistence. This cuvée is of singular nobility.

This will pair beautifully with stews, game, roasted or leg of lamb and hard cheeses.

The ageing potential is 20 years.



WINEMAKER

Frédéric Boutin

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
15%

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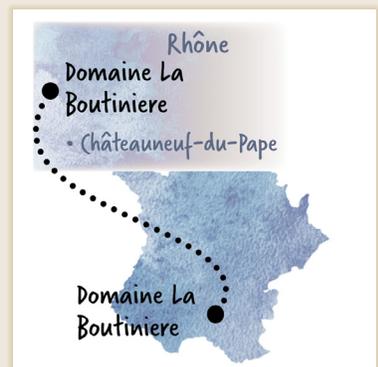
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