

DOMAINE LA BOUTINIÈRE

VIEILLES VIGNES LA CRAU 2017

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE GRANDE RESERVE

BACKGROUND

Domaine La Boutiniere 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 Boutiniere 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

The nose is dominated by slightly jammy plums, wild blackberry, blackcurrant, along with notes of sweet, black licorice and sage. The palate is fleshy, generous and full-bodied, with silky tannins which balance the acidity.

An exceptional purity of black fruits and smoked cocoa. The intensity of this wine reveals all the qualities of its terroir which is reflected in the immense length in the mouth. A perfect pairing with game stews, roasted squab, pheasant or aged, hard cheeses.

The ageing potential is 10-15 years.



WINEMAKER

Frédéric Boutin

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
15%

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Grande Réserve



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