



2022 DOMAINE DE LA SOLITUDE CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC

Grenache blanc 30% - Clairette 29% - Roussanne 25% - Bourboulenc 15% - Picpoul 1%
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Historical Cuvée of the Domaine produced since the XVII century with White Grenaches from « the Crau plateau », Clairettes, Roussanes, Bourboulencs, Picpouls, from the Vallon de la Solitude.

The Estate is a contiguous 100 acres, planted to 86 acres of red grapes and 14.8 acres of white grapes, with vines averaging 50 years of age.

Yield:

- 22 hl/hectare.

Vinification and aging:

- The harvest is done by hand early in the morning in 25 kg crates.
- The grapes are pressed after short skin maceration.
- Fermentation and aging are done in barrels for Roussanne, and Grenache Blanc.
- Clairette, Bouboulenc and Picpoul are co-fermented in vats.
- The malolactic fermentation is carried out on the Roussanne.
- This year 10% of the blend is vinified by long maceration, which means that those white grapes were vinified like red grapes.
- This wine is aged for 35% in oak barrels, 30% in foudres, 30% in concrete vats, and 5% in new oak barrels, on lees, for 10 months

Tasting note:

- Complex nose of pineapple, peach and brioche.
- Mouth combines liveliness and smoothness with notes of citrus, candied melons and flowers and a very mineral finish.

Food and Wine pairing:

- Eggs with truffles, grilled fish or fish in sauce, fish tagine, oysters au gratin, lobster, capon with cream and yellow wine, ceviche.
- Storage: Drink now through 2030. Serving temperature: 50 to 52 F°.



Decanter - 93 Points

Drinking Window: 2023 - 2026 A white Châteauneuf that's more about texture and shape than exuberant aromatics, it's enjoyably textural thanks in part to the oak, with well balanced, keen acidity. It's fresh, not overly fat, and has a good sense of focus. Should be very good value, and could well age much better than my conservative estimate. 30% aged in new oak barrels. Alcohol 13.00%

The Wine Spectator - 92 Points

A ripe, modern version, with attractive stone fruit, yellow apple and citrus lacquered in flattering spice and toasty cedar notes. Succulent acidity and crushed flint bring good balance, while a thread of smoke and chamomile adds nice complexity.

Drink now through 2027.

Also: James Suckling - 90 Points