

FAMILLE LANÇON



Domaine de la Solitude  
CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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# CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RÉSERVE SECRÈTE

65% CENTENNIAL BLACK GRENACHE AND 35% SYRAH

PRODUIT EN CONVERSION VERS L'AGRICULTURE BIOLOGIQUE FR-BIO-01



The Grenache are from the oldest part of the Domaine de la Solitude, planted by my great-grandfather at the beginning of last century it is located on the western slope of "La Crau" on a terroir of safre. The Syrahs flourish on the fresh soil of Safre des "Blachieres". These two great Terroirs are always vinified separately but only the great years, 5 vintages of the last 10 Secret Reserve is created.

**Yield:** Yields are 22 hectoliters / hectare and 1200 bottles, 150 mags

**Harvest:** Harvesting is done by hand in 25 kg crates.

#### Vinification and ageing:

- After a double selection of the best bunches in the vineyard then on a sorting table, the grapes are vinified in all cluster for the Grenache and the Syrahs are destemmed.
- The vinification takes place in concrete tank.
- The wine is carefully aged for 20 months and 45% in barrels.
- The wine is assembled and refined in Foudre barrel for 16 months before being bottled without filtration or fining.
- The barrels of exceptional qualities are made from Colbert oak from the french forest of Tronçais.

#### Tasting notes:

- Powerful, elegant and refined wine built for the long guard.
- Intense nose of blackberry, blackcurrant, worn by empyreumatic notes.
- The dense mouth of this wine blends beautifully notes of tan, cherry cherry cedar and continues with an intense and persistent finish.

#### Suggested food association:

- Chevreuil in sauce "grand veneur" with a confit of bilberries and chestnuts, duck with wild mushroom sauce, stuffed pigeon, capon with truffles, chocolate, clafoutis of cherries, "comté" cheese.

#### Winemaker's comments:

- To be drink from 2024 until 2040. Service temperature: 60-62°F.

### JAMES SUCKLING-95 POINTS

*A very imposing Chateauneuf with enormous depth of Mediterranean herb aromas that makes a bold statement on the expansive palate, but also has wonderful freshness for this density. Underplayed tannic power in spite of the huge scale. Stacks of black berries, sour cherries and orange zest at the very long finish. From organically grown grapes. A cuvee based on grenache, syrah and mourvedre from old vines growing on the the galet cobblestone soils.*

### JEB DUNNUCK-94 POINTS

*Its deeper ruby/plum color is followed by a great nose of both red and black fruits as well as chocolate, ground pepper, and spicy, meaty nuances. Playing in the supple, forward style of the vintage, it's medium to full-bodied, has a layered, elegant mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish.*

### WINE SPECTATOR -93 POINTS

*Offers crushed dark plum, baked cherry pie and roibos tea flavors that are fleshy yet pure, with good vibrancy and lift. Juicy and supple, with chalky tannins coasting through the medium-length finish, with graphite adding mineral depth. Grenache, Mourvèdre and Syrah. Drink now through 2035.*



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