



2021 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.

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98 POINTS**

This has been built for the ages but is already delicious. Enormously powerful and structured, but the wildness has been tamed through the long maturation and the tannins are now very soft, and somehow this full-bodied Chateauneuf-du-Pape has become mellow and restrained. Lots of meaty and savory complexity through the crescendo of the finish. 65% grenache matured in a mix of concrete tanks and oak casks and 35% syrah matured exclusively in wooden casks for a total of 38 months. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drink or hold



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