



Les Cailloux - (reds) 2018



An outstanding Châteauneuf du Pape.

Terroir

This cuvee gets its name from the countless round pebbles present in the vineyards as well being at the origin of the Domaine's name.

The vineyard is composed of multiple plots, with each having its own characteristics which give this wine its incredible complexity: Bois de la Ville and Les Serres have a deficient and filtering gravel bed making for perfect draining of water to obtain a very concentrated juice. Farguerol and Cansaud have red and blue clays which boast an extremely rich aromatic property. Finally Cabrières and Revès whose chalky-like limestone brings the overall structure and long finish to the whole.

Tasting notes

The 2018 vintage is characterized by a very low harvest but exceptional in quality. The summer was warm and dry en the harvest was performed under optimal conditions: no rain, a lot of sun but not too warm to let the grapes mature at optimal speed.

Bouquet: dominant aromas of red fruits enhanced by a woody touch from the barrel-contained Syrah grapes.

A great taste of red fruits, leather and undergrowth. The tannins are harmonious and elegant. Long finish in the mouth allowing for even more complex aromas of undergrowth, leather.

This wine is a model of complexity and elegance. An ageing of minimum ten years will be necessary to allow him express all his potential.

Wine-Food Pairing: Red Meat - Game.

Technical sheet



Vinification

Concrete vat, destemming at 70% for the Grenache, and total destemming for the other grape varieties, racking and return for 5 weeks.



Maturing

Ageing for 18 months in barrels, from 1 to 2 years for the Syrah, ageing in concrete vats for 18 months for the other varieties. Final blending 6 months before bottling.



Type of harvest

Exclusively manual.



When to drink

These wines may be enjoyed when young to fully appreciate the fresh red fruits brought by the Grenache. But their ageing potential will fully reveal itself after a minimum of 5 years and their peak at around 10 years.



Blending

Grenache (70%), mourvèdre (17%), syrah (10%), cinsault (3%).



Yield

30 hl / h.



Average age of the vines

60 years.