

Le Clos du Caillo

LA RÉSERVE CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

2018 

2018 VINTAGE : A rare and unique vintage !

The vintage 2018 will be remembered by the winemakers of Chateauneuf-du-Pape for years. After an abundant budding, the vintage seemed to be generous. But it was underestimating on the vagaring of Spring, which turned out to be extremely rainy, with more than 300 mm of precipitation in April and May. Without any help of the Mistral, the atmosphere was hot and wet, offering perfect conditions for Mildew development. "Never seen such a Spring" told us our Elders. This season required an investment of every moment for our team, especially for our vineyard, grown organically. Luckily, the summer was hot and dry, providing favorable conditions for producing and harvest grapes of excellent quality at full maturity.

Marked by low yields (17 to 20 hl/ha), our 2018 wines have a beautiful elegance, delicate tannins and an outstanding balance. A seductive vintage, under low allocation.

VINIFICATION :

Harvest started on October 2nd.

Hand-picking with sorting in the vineyard and then in cellar.

De-stemming (100%) and vinification in concrete tanks with wild yeasts. Pump-over and delestages are made during all the grape maceration (37 days).

AGEING : 90 % in demi-muids (600L) (30% of 1 wine and 70% 7 wines) and 10% in terracotta amphora (500L), for 14 months.

BOTTLING DATE : On February 18th 2020.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine has a pretty Carmine red colour with bright reflections. The nose is dominated by sweet spices of cloves, badiane and Sichuan pepper. The palate is creamy, round, presenting a beautiful complexity with aromas of wild red fruits sabayon. A wine to age.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Grilled Kobe Beef - Lamb shanks - Duck confit with Chanterelles.



YEAR OF CREATION :
1998 Vintage

VINES YEARS AVERAGE :
Grenache: 70 years old
Mourvèdre: 18 years old

BLEND :
80% Grenache
20% Mourvèdre

YIELD :
20 hl/ha

SOILS CHARACTERISTICS :
Sandy soil, located inside "Le Clos", very close to the name place "La Guigasse" which composes cuvée "La Réserve" Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



2021-2041



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