

# le Clos du Caillou

## LES QUARTZ CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

### 2018



2018 VINTAGE: A rare and unique vintage!

The vintage 2018 will be remembered by the winemakers of Chateauf-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 September 14<sup>th</sup> for Syrah and on September 29<sup>th</sup> for Grenache.

Hand-picking with sorting in the vineyard and then in cellar. De-stemming (100%) and fermented separately in wooden tanks with wild yeasts.

Pump-over, manual punch-down and delestages are made during all the grape maceration (34 days).

**AGEING** : 90% in demi-muids (600L) (2 to 9 wines) and 10% in terracotta amphora (500L) for the ageing of the Grenache and in barrels for the ageing of the Syrah, for 14 months.

**BOTTLING DATE** : On January 24<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine has a pretty Bismarck red color with Bordeaux reflections. The nose is elegant and discreet. We find aromas of orange marmalade and crystallized

cherries combined with notes of sweet spices. The palate is creamy, suave with a beautiful aromatic persistence. All in elegance.

### FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Wild rabbit gibelotte - Jugged hare - Tournedos Rossini.



### YEAR OF CREATION :

1999 Vintage

### VINES YEARS AVERAGE :

57 years old

### BLEND :

70% Grenache  
30% Syrah

### YIELD :

18 hl/ha

### SOILS CHARACTERISTICS :

Sandy soil composed with round polished stones on the surface, located on the name place "Les Cassanets".

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