

Le Clos du Caillo

LES QUARTZ 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 September 26th for Grenache and on September 13rd for Syrah.

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

De-stemming and vinification separately in concrete tanks with wild yeasts. Pump-over, manual punch-down and delestages are made during all the grape maceration (30 days).

AGEING : In truncated vats, in foudres and in demi-muids, for 14 months.

BOTTLING DATE : On February 18th 2020.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine has a pretty velvet color with Chinese ink reflections. On the nose, we find a beautiful aromatic intensity on perfumes of red fruits, wild strawberries, blackcurrant accompanied by aromas of black olives and by spices and garrigues notes. The palate is ample, creamy with aromas of crystallized cherries, raspberry cream and liquorice cream. Very nice length on the palate.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Beef tartare - Casserole grouse - Pheasant pie.



YEAR OF CREATION :
2004 Vintage

VINES YEARS AVERAGE :
50 years old

BLEND :
80% Grenache
20% Syrah

YIELD :
20 hl/ha

SOILS CHARACTERISTICS :
Sandy soil composed with round polished stones on the surface located inside "Le Clos". This terroir is close to "Les Cassanets" area which produces Les Quartz in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.



2021-2036



16-17°C