

Le Clos du Caillou

LA RÉSERVE CÔTES-DU-RHÔNE

2016 

2016 VINTAGE : An excellent cellaring potential.

The vintage 2016 benefited from really exceptional weather conditions, allowing us to harvest every bloc with optimal maturity.

Following by soft winter and cool spring, summer was hot and dry.

However, we were able to observe very high thermal amplitudes between day and night, favoring the synthesis of polyphenols.

Harvest started on August 31st with the white grapes and on September 7th with red grapes, for 3 weeks.

Nevertheless, the drought of the summer lead to decrease the size of berries, as a result of low yield but with outstanding juice.

Red wines have dense and dark dresses with very high levels of anthocyanins and very beautiful tannic structures leading to predict an exceptional potential of ageing.

VINIFICATION :

Harvest started on September 15th.

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

De-stemming (100%) and vinification in concrete tanks with wild yeasts. Pump-over, manual punch-down and delestages are made during all the grape maceration (40 days).

AGEING : 90 % in demi-muids (600L) (of one and seven wines) and 10% in an amphora in terracotta (500L), for 14 months.

BOTTLING DATE : On February 21st 2018.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine presents an attractive red carmine color to the red falun reflection. The nose has aromas of crushed strawberry, mara of wood with vanilla pod of Madagascar.

The mouth is dominated by a magnificent tannic structure with a beautiful freshness where we discover an aromatic explosion of crushed black fruits associated to the soft spices.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Duck in orange - Lamb tajine with apricot - Guinea fowl with quetsches.



YEAR OF CREATION :
1998 Vintage

VINES YEARS AVERAGE :
Grenache: 68 years old
Mourvèdre: 16 years old

BLEND :
75% Grenache
25% Mourvèdre

YIELD :
25 hl/ha

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



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92-94/100

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A total « Wow! » wine

95/100