



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.



Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2017

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

WINE

Guigal produces an intensely concentrated, inviting and complex Châteauneuf-du-Pape that is almost unique to the region today. Their passion for Châteauneuf, the leading appellation of the Southern Rhône, runs as deeply as that for their home sites in the Northern Rhône. The combination of working with top fruit that has perfect ripeness, along with their extraordinary patience in the cellar, results in rich and full, yet savory, spicy, seamless and balanced wines. Wines to enjoy immediately but capable of aging, and, above all, wines that leave you wanting more.

VINEYARD

Soils: Rocky alluvial vineyards (the famous "galets") and red clay soils
Yields: Average of 1.0 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 50 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: White Grenache 45%, Roussanne 25%, Clairette 15%, Bourboulenc 10%, Piquepoul 3%, Picardan 2%.

Fermentation: Traditional harvest, sorting and vinification in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks

Aging: One quarter of the wine is aged in French oak barrels, 50% new, for 8 months.

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINTAGE

2017 was a challenging vintage. Frost, followed by fluctuations between rain and heatwaves didn't make harvest easy in the southern Rhône, but despite challenges, the 2017 vintage brilliantly balances freshness with expressive, concentrated fruit

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"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is a riper, sexier wine from the south that has lots of white peach, marmalade and honeysuckle aromas and flavors. You can tell this was a warm vintage, yet it has terrific purity and freshness, with a layered, balanced texture. It's serious stuff to drink over the coming decade." - JD, 12/2018

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