



CHATEAU DE NALYS



Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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Château de Nalys Grand Vin 2016

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ESTATE

Since their very first vintage bottled under the Guigal name, in 1946, the Guigal family has produced a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The terroirs of Nalys realize a dream spanning three generations to join this leading prestigious and historic appellation. A property of 125 contiguous acres, Nalys is comprised of three spectacular plots within three of the best vineyards in the appellation: the famous "La Crau", Nalys, and "Bois Sénéchal". Already listed in regional land registers at the end of the 16th century, Château de Nalys is one of the oldest properties in the appellation, and begins a new chapter in the hands of Guigal.

WINE

Three extraordinary vineyards coming together in an intensely expressive, utterly complete wine. The Grand Vin defines the estate style with a precision of fruit, spice and minerality and notably, a beautifully composed structure that unfolds and builds (and builds). Notably, 50% of the blend comes from La Crau, which lends this structure. Primarily intense old vine Grenache, with a large portion of Syrah, and additions of several other varieties, including most of the estate's Mourvedre.

VINEYARD

Location and Soils:

- 27% Nalys: fine, red sandstone and sandy clay, with some limestone and soft sandstone
- 50% La Crau: the famous galets, large round pebbles derived from the Rhone river
- 23% Bois Senechal: slightly smaller galets and sandier, less structured soils than La Crau

Grape Varieties: 59% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre, 3% Counoise, and 1% Vaccarèse

Age: Vines average 45 years of age

Yields: 35 hl/ha

Farming: Vineyards are farmed organically, awaiting certification

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Manual harvest and sorting followed by vinification in conical wooden vats, fermentation lasting around 4 weeks.

Aging: 18 months, of which 30% in wood (barrels and foudres) and 70% concrete.

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

One of the greatest Southern Rhone vintages of the last decades, ripe and powerful but exquisitely structured and detailed wines.



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WINE ADVOCATE

"Destined to become Nalys's new flagship (unless the white version steals the show), the 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Grand Vin is a blend of 59% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 3% Counoise and 1% Vaccarèse. It's full-bodied and velvety, offering hints of vanilla and sandalwood, but there also are layers of dark cherry fruit. Subtle notes of cinnamon, clove and allspice add interest to the long, silky finish. It's an auspicious debut for the Guigal team."