



E. GUIGAL



Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2017

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ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhone 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: The Guigal's Châteauneuf represents work with more than 40 different growers, on the unique rocky alluvial vineyards (the famous "galets") and red clay soils of the area.

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

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Traditional, temperature-controlled fermentation

Aging: 8 months, a quarter high under wood (barrels and half-muids) of which 50% are new.

VINTAGE

Climate: Frost then rain then 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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JEB DUNNUCK

"Last of the whites, 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."