



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Château 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 2016

Rhône Valley, 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

While the Guigal's grow and purchase fruit in the Northern Rhône, because they cannot be on site in the Southern Rhône they purchase wines as soon as possible after harvest, often before malolactic conversion is finished. They look for wines of depth, balance and, above all, the ability to age and become great wines.

VINEYARD

Soils: This Châteauneuf represents work with 43 different growers, on the unique rocky alluvial vineyards (the famous "galets") and red clay soils of the area.

Yields: Vines average 50 years of age, with yields of 33 hl/ha

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: : Composed of old-vine Grenache (70%), Mourvèdre (15%), Syrah (10%), and the balance of traditional grapes of the appellation

Fermentation: Traditional winemaking with temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation. 3 weeks maceration in tanks.

Aging: 3 years in oak foudres

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage to the Southern Rhône Valley is akin to the absolutely outstanding 2015 in the North. There was an extended growing season, which provided freshness in the Grenache and the ripeness in the Mourvedre. Cool nights helped to ensure the success of the Grenache fruit, which can easily become overripe and imbue alcoholic characteristics.

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"Boasts a deep, layered, powerful style yet has terrific purity and elegance. Notes of black raspberries, scorched earth, and peppery herbs all emerge from this promising, seriously endowed barrel sample that's going to be well worth your time and money." - JD, 9/2019

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