

CHÂTEAU DE NALYS

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grand Vin 2017

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France

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", Le Grand Pierre, 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

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

WINEMAKING

Variety: 59% Grenache, 32% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre, 3% Counoise, and 1% Vacarese

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: 15.5%

VINTAGE

2017 is the first Nalys vintage vinified by Guigal from start to finish. Unfortunately, the crop was very small as Spring in the South was very wet, interrupting the flowering and causing the significant crop loss overall (40-50%). However, Summer was stable and dry, leading into a perfect autumn which allowed even ripening and excellent phenolic development. Harvest took place in late September under clear skies. The Nalys reds are classic Châteauneuf du Pape— with ripe tannins, adequate but fresh acidities, and exceptional concentration. Production was about 50% of normal for the estate.

JEB DUNNUCK

"A more serious, concentrated wine, the 2017 Châteauneuf Du Pape boasts a vivid ruby/purple color as well as rocking notes of dark fruits, ground pepper, violets, tobacco, and loads of stony, earthy minerality. With full body, building ripe tannins, terrific mid-palate depth, and a great finish, give bottles 2-4 years and enjoy over the following 15."

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