



Duclaux Red 2018

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vallée du Rhône, France

Powerful - Spicy - Suave



PRESENTATION

The Duclaux Family is one of the oldest in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. This family built up its domaine through the centuries and was one of the first founder members of the Appellation association in 1904. The Quiot and Duclaux families built up bonds and family connections over the years. The Domaine Duclaux, as a historic domain of the appellation, produces wines in the tradition of the traditional Châteauneuf-du-Pape: powerful, elegant and structured. In order to maximize the potential of our terroirs for our red Duclaux, we have chosen to age it in wood. What is typical of this wine is its high grape variety in Mourvèdre which gives it its spicy side.

TERROIR

Soils mainly made up of river sand and rolled pebbles. Terroirs containing alluvial soils, sand and stones in the lower vineyards and clay-limestone soil on the slopes.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are partially de-stemmed and the varieties are pre-blended in concrete vats. Vatting time : 3 to 4 weeks. Vat-matured for around 24 months, part of which is spent in oak barrels.

VARIETALS

Cinsault, Counoise, Grenache noir, Mourvèdre, Syrah

15 % VOL.

SERVING

Serve at 16-18°C, in large glasses.

AGEING POTENTIAL

5 years, 5 to 10 years, 10 to 15 years, Over 15 years

TASTING

Deep garnet red colour. A very fruity nose with concentrated red berries, leather and liquorice. Marked by spices. Great complexity and strength on the palate. Excellent persistence. Wine with good aging potential. On old vintages, our red Duclaux evolves, becomes stewed and the spices soften.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Red meats, game, stews, spicy dishes and cheeses. Good conservation potential.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Argent
International Wine Challenge 2023 Argent

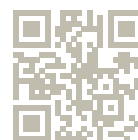


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ARGENT/SILVER

"Groseille sauvage, fruits rouges sucrés, feuille verte, épices, minéral, fleurs écrasées et finale persistante.

Wild red currant, sweet red fruit, green leaf, stoney spice, crushed florals and a lingering finish."

International Wine Challenge 2024 Argent, 16/05/2024

Silver Medal

"A mature, rich nose of dark cherry and ripe blackberry alongside vanilla spice. Toasty oak and earthy leather join bounded, soft fruit ont he palate with characterful mineral and graphite tones."

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JAMES SUCKLING.COM

93/100

"A dense, compact and generous Chateauneuf-du-Pape. It has notes of dark plums, blackberries, roasted meat, sweet spices and some undergrowth. It's full-bodied with plush tannins. Spicy and densely fruited, with plenty of texture and volume. Flavorful finish. Drink or hold."

James Suckling

92/100

"Dark, dense, brooding in the glass. A complex bouquet of dark fruit, cola, cigar box, milk chocolate, and leather. On the palate, it's a quintessential Châteauneuf, rich and concentrated yet balanced, showcasing both power and elegance. Fine-grained tannins imparting structure, while a surprising freshness complements its superb depth that becomes apparent on the long, drawn-out finish. This blend of Grenache and Mourvèdre, sourced from terroirs of fluvial sands, rolled pebbles, and clay-limestone soils, and vinified in concrete vats before 24 months of ageing, drinking beautifully at 6 years and promises to evolve gracefully for at least another 10+. Embodying the spice, structure, and profundity characteristic of its appellation."

Chris Howard, THE SOMM JOURNAL

