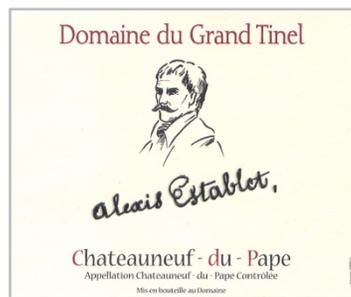


DOMAINE DU GRAND TINEL

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE « Alexis Establet » 2018

Single Vineyard - GPS 44.091373, 4.841173



ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

APPELLATION

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VINEYARD

Single Vineyard-La Gardiole

Latitude: 44.091373

Longitude : 4.841173

100+ year old vines Clay-limestone with *galets roulés* pebbles.

BLEND

100% Grenache

FARMING

Yields are kept incredibly low (15-20 hl/ha)

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes, destemmed, sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery with a sorting table

Temperature controlled

A portion is vinified in huge oak vats, the rest in stainless steel

AGING

18 months in barrels and demi-muids to soften tannins and gain roundness

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

16.1% Alc. |

Domaine du Grand Tinel 2018 'Alexis Establet' Châteauneuf-du-Pape begins its symphony with a light ruby color as its opening note. From there it swells from the glass with a bouquet of black raspberries, ground pepper, garrigue, and flowers to fill your nose. The palate experiences the purest form of a silky smooth, elegant mouthfeel as it develops and evolves throughout its medium to full-bodied richness.

2018's Rhône Valley season began with rains that rejuvenated the vineyards after the long drought from the previous vintage. It triumphed through a wetter June, which led to an incredibly successful harvest.

Alexis Establet is a majestic Châteauneuf-du-Pape from 100% Grenache grapes, produced only in exceptional vintages with the help of star consultant Philippe Cambie (named 2010 winemaker of the year by Robert Parker). The 100+ year old vines are planted at the northernmost point of the appellation, in an area known as "La Gardiole," in soils formed from chalky stones and old alluvial deposits, along with the *galets roulés* stones the appellation is famous for. This terroir is reflected in the wine as a combination of the known power of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (a function of the heat retained and reflected by the *galets roulés*) and a harmonious elegance and fresh mineral definition characteristic of the northern sector.

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The Jeune family is a longstanding & well-known dynasty of Châteauneuf-du-Pape who can trace their ancestors back to the 14th century. The marriage of Christiane Establet with Pierre Elie Jeune in the 1960's united the properties of these two venerable families, establishing Domaine du Grand Tinel, one of the largest estates in the appellation. The inspiration for the name Tinel comes from the Latin for "cask". Today, Christophe Jeune and his two sisters, Beatrice and Isabelle, carry on the tradition of producing traditional-style Châteauneuf in a family run affair.

ACCOLADES

2018 Jeb Dunnuck – 92-94 points

"Made from 100% Grenache brought up in foudre (85%) and demi-muids (15%), the 2018 Châteauneuf Du Pape Alexis Establet reveals a slightly lighter ruby color as well as a rocking bouquet of kirsch liqueur, black raspberries, ground pepper, garrigue, and flowers. Pure, incredibly polished, and silky on the palate, it has medium to full-bodied richness, a light, elegant texture, and sweet tannins. It's a beautiful wine to drink over the coming decade." -J.D.

