

DOMAINE DE SAINT PAUL « L'Insolite » 2019

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Single Estate – 44.03805, 4.85431



ORIGIN

Rhône

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VINEYARD

43-year-old vines planted in clay-limestone soils with *galets roulés*; Southern exposure

Annual Production: 200 Cases

BLEND

100% Syrah

FARMING

Certified organic farming (European standards)
Harvested by hand.
Sorting done in vineyard

WINEMAKING

Complete destemming
Temperature-controlled stainless steel vats. Daily pump-overs. Vatting is 26-days long

AGEING

After malolactic fermentation wine is transferred to demi-muids for 12 months then bottled.

Domaine de Saint Paul's 2019 'L'Insolite' can be described with one word: powerful. From the moment it hits your nose, notes of spice and liquor ice overtake your senses. On the palate you will experience firm tannins and a sleek, savory, cocoa tinted finish. Enjoy from 2025 on.

The 2019 Rhône Valley vintage challenged its winemakers. The winter was mild, and continued into a dry spring, which led to an early budbreak. It was then met with an unexpected cold snap and a strikingly hot summer. However, Domaine de Saint Paul was able to pass Mother Nature's tests with a cuvée such as this.

Domaine de Saint-Paul's 36 acres are located in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, where the sun, Mistral wind, and famous rounded pebbles (*galets roulés*) in silica and clay soils contribute to the production of delicate and rich wines. The 60-80 year old vines used to create this cuvée come from two parcels: Pied Redon and Le Boucou. Each of them contribute their own distinct flavor to the final wine. The vineyards have recently been officially recognized as organic by European standards.

Between Orange and Avignon, on the left bank of the Rhône, construction of the St. Paul Estate began in 1934 along an olive, pine, and almond tree-lined road. Bought by Charles Establet in 1958, it was enlarged in the 1970s by his daughter Christiane and son-in-law Pierre Elie Jeune. In the 1990s a vinification cellar and bottling system were added, and the first bottle bearing the name of the St. Paul Estate was issued. Philippe Cambie, named 2010 Winemaker of the Year by Robert Parker, is the consultant winemaker to Domaine de Saint Paul. Christophe Jeune with his sisters Isabelle and Beatrice are now the proprietors of their family's history in the region, which dates back to the 14th century.

ACCOLADES

2019 Decanter Magazine – 93 Points

2019 Jancis Robinson – 17.5+ Points

"Tasted blind. Inky and powerful nose, with spice and liquorice. Lots of power here and a wonderful vibrancy with dried herbs, pepper, firm tannins and a cocoa finish. Sleek, savoury and delicious." –J.R.

