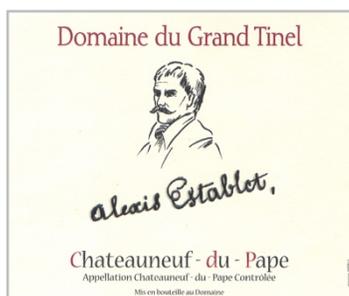


DOMAINE DU GRAND TINEL

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE « Alexis Establet » 2016

Single Vineyard - GPS Lat. 44.091373 / Long. 4.841173



ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

APPELLATION

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VINEYARD

Single Vineyard-La Gardiole

Longitude: 4.841173

Latitude: 44.091373

100+ year old vines planted in clay-limestone soils with *galet 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

Domaine du Grand Tinel's 2016 'Alexis Establet' Châteauneuf-du-Pape opens with a deep ruby color that releases exquisite notes of lavender and bright cherries, with delightful spices. A wonderfully soft and silky texture preludes enticing fruit in the mouth, perfectly balanced with the famous Châteauneuf-du-Pape herb profile.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape's 2016 vintage shows the region's return to both balance and nuance. With the previous setting the bar as high as it had, it seemed hard if not impossible to surpass. Yet, 2016 did just that... The year was filled with outstanding warmth that led to wines that outclass if not outmuscle their older siblings.

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. The 100-year-old+ vines are planted at the northernmost point of the appellation, in an area known (single estate) 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 FOR 2016

Wine Advocate – 94/96 Points

Jancis Robinson – 17 Points

Vinous – 93 Points

Wine Enthusiast – 94 Points

Wine Cellar Insider – 95 Points

Jeb Dunnuck – 93/95 Points

International Wine Report – 94 Points

"It's a sensational expression of Grenache that readers shouldn't miss."

JEB DUNNUCK

