

DOMAINE DU GRAND TINEL

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE « Alexis Establet » 2017

Single Vineyard - GPS 44.091373, 4.841173



ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

APPELLATION

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VINEYARD

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 'Alexis Establet' Châteauneuf-du-Pape coats the glass in a deeply saturated purple. It delivers exquisite notes of blueberries, blackberries, leafy herbs, ground pepper, and beautiful minerality. The mouth is entranced by an elegantly powerful medium to full-bodied richness that personifies the definition of balanced complexity that lingers and further evolves after each sip.

2017's Southern Rhône Vintage is full of structured and age-worthy wines. The summer was a bit warmer than usual meaning that the fruits ripened quickly whilst remaining healthy. Due to this, the region produced wines full of natural freshness.

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

2017 Wine Enthusiast – 95 points

2017 Jeb Dunnuck – 95 points

2017 Wine Advocate – 93+ points

2017 Vinous – 92/93 points

"Despite clocking in over 16% abv, this Grenache offers pure, pulsating flavors of red plum and kirsch. Matured 12 months in oak, it's accented by subtle layers of smoked cherrywood and vanilla bean, framed by firm, well-integrated tannins. It is immediately approachable, but should drink beautifully through 2030." –W.E.

