

Le Clos du Caillo

LE BOUQUET DES GARRIGUES CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2018



2018 VINTAGE : A rare and unique vintage !

The vintage 2018 will be remembered by the winemakers of Chateauneuf-du-Pape for years. After an abundant budding, the vintage seemed to be generous. But it was underestimating on the vagaring of Spring, which turned out to be extremely rainy, with more than 300 mm of precipitation in April and May. Without any help of the Mistral, the atmosphere was hot and wet, offering perfect conditions for Mildew development. "Never seen such a Spring" told us our Elders. This season required an investment of every moment for our team, especially for our vineyard, grown organically. Luckily, the summer was hot and dry, providing favorable conditions for producing and harvest grapes of excellent quality at full maturity...

Marked by low yields (17 to 20 hl/ha), our 2018 wines have a beautiful elegance, delicate tannins and an outstanding balance. A seductive vintage, under low allocation.

VINIFICATION :

Harvest started on September 12nd for the Syrah, on September 18th for the Grenache and on October 3rd for Mourvèdre.

Hand picking with sorting in the vineyard and then in cellar.

95% of de-stemming (5% in whole clusters) and vinification separately in concrete tanks with wild yeasts. Pump-over and delestages are made during all the grape maceration (34 days).

AGEING : In foudres and in demi-muids, for 14 months.

BOTTLING DATE : On February 27th 2020.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine has a nice limpid Bismarck red color. We found on the nose aromas of wild crushed strawberries with some blood notes, all supported by very spicy notes of black and white pepper. The palate is creamy, with a nice freshness and a nice minerality where we find beautiful aromas of red fruits accompanied by spicy notes.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Suckling pig - Stuffed vine leaves - Vol-au-vent with mushrooms.

YEAR OF CREATION :
1978 Vintage

VINES YEARS AVERAGE :
50 years old

BLEND :
70% Grenache
15% Syrah
15% Mourvèdre - Carignan - Counoise

YIELD :
20 hl/ha

SOILS CHARACTERISTICS :
Sandy soils composed with round polished stones and clay underground, on the name place « Les Garrigues » and "Le Coudoulet".



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