

le Caillou

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

2016



2016 VINTAGE : An excellent cellaring potential.

The vintage 2016 benefited from really exceptional weather conditions, allowing us to harvest every bloc with optimal maturity.

Following by soft winter and cool spring, summer was hot and dry.

However, we were able to observe very high thermal amplitudes between day and night, favoring the synthesis of polyphenols.

Harvest started on August 31st with the white grapes and on September 7th with red grapes, for 3 weeks.

Nevertheless, the drought of the summer lead to decrease the size of berries, as a result of low yield but with outstanding juice.

Red wines have dense and dark dresses with very high levels of anthocyanins and very beautiful tannic structures leading to predict an exceptional potential of ageing.

All along their experience of Winemakers, Sylvie Vacheron and Bruno Gaspard have tasted, compared, analysed a lot of different wines with their winemaker friends, with whom they decided to collaborate.

The cuvee Le Caillou Côtes-du-Rhône rosé 2017 is the result, for the first year, from these exchanges and give birth today to high qualitative wines, still in the research of Cuvées with the typicality of our terroirs.

VINIFICATION :

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

De-stemming (100%) and vinification in concrete tanks with wild yeasts. Manual punch-down and delestages are made during all the grape maceration.

AGEING : In foudres for 14 months.

BOTTLING DATE : On February 23rd 2018.

WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES :

This wine presents a beautiful amaranth red colour to the ruby reflections. The nose is complex dominated by oriental spices, clove and star anise. The mouth shows a beautiful tannic structure on aromas of roasted cacao beans and wild plums.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING :

Ribs - Pork belly from Ventoux in crushed spices - Wild board terrine with genievre.



2018-2029



16-17°C



VINES YEARS AVERAGE:

30 years old

BLEND :

85% Grenache
10% Mourvèdre
10% Syrah

YIELD :

30hl/ha

SOILS CHARACTERISTICS :

Sandy and safres (compact sand) soils.

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91-93/100

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93/100

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