



## CHÂTEAU GRAND ESCALION

### Costières de Nîmes Safranée

2015

"the 2015 Costières de Nîmes Safranée gives up plenty of ripe plum and blueberry fruit, licorice and pepper in its rounded, mouth-filling personality." Jeb Dunnuck for The Wine Advocate-Robert Parker, 30th Dec 2016."



#### Vintage

After a classic Spring of alternating sunshine and rainy periods and a healthy flowering, the vine development was even and regular. July and August were hot and dry until late rains in August modified the planned harvest dates, requiring particular attention from our winemaking team. Picking of the Syrah started on the 21st September and the Grenache on the 28th September 2015.

#### Grape varieties

55% Grenache, 45% Syrah

#### Terroir

Parcel selection of 3 ha, on Villafranchian quartzitic pebbles deposited by the Rhône, lying on limono-clayey hillsides (Grenaches) and on clay-limestone (Syrahs) soils. This terroir produces small grape bunches, well ventilated and guaranteeing a qualitative yield (37hl in 2015).

#### Winemaking

The destemmed grapes are placed directly into tanks without crushing. Maceration lasts 4 weeks with daily pumping-over to favour the diffusion of the tannins and a gentle concentration. 15% of the cuvée is matured for 9 months in oak barrels. Bottled on 21 July 2016.

10 213 bottles and 560 magnums produced.  
Vegan Friendly.

#### Agreements & Services

Clafoutis with candied black olives  
Bull steak with herbs

Serve at 14-16°C (60°-65°F). Ideally open 1 hour prior to serving.  
Optimum maturity: 2016 - 2022

#### AWARDS

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