

LAURUS

Sélections Parcelles

Laurus means 'Laurel' in Latin, a Roman symbol of excellence. Here excellence is all about "terroir": the grapes are grown on plots we select for their ability to express the very best of each Appellation. The term "terroir" encompasses a soil, a climate and people. Here it is expressed through sustainable partnerships with wine-growers who share our vision. The maturing process in 275-litre Laurus barrels refines the structure, producing complex wines with plenty of character and good cellaring potential.



Châteauneuf-du-Pape

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE PROTÉGÉE



Châteauneuf-du-Pape vintage 2018

2018 was atypical in many ways. This vintage required a constant presence from the vineyards to the cellar. After a mild Winter, the wet and rainy Spring gave way to a beautiful Summer, favoring a perfect growth of the grapes. September then ushered in an Indian Summer that proved to be more than ideal for harvest with cool nights and warm & sunny days. The grapes were harvested over a total of 8 weeks at optimal maturity and under ideal climatic conditions. The result is an elegant vintage with a particularly aromatic profile and a superb balance.

Awards

91 pts - Jeb Dunnuck
17/20 - Jancis Robinson

TERROIR

The Grenache grapes come from the famed sector of "La Crau", a large Quaternary terrace covered with cobblestones, giving the wine structure and body. The Syrah grapes are grown on clay-limestone soils from the Cretaceous period, bringing great elegance and finesse to the wine.

WINEMAKING

Harvested between 14th September and 9th October 2018.
60% of the wine was aged in 275-lt oak Laurus barrels for 16 months (1 & 2-year barrels).
Bottled on 24th July 2020. 8 235 bottles and 196 magnums produced.
[Vegan friendly.](#)

TASTING NOTES

"The wine's deeper ruby/purple color is followed by classic notes of ripe black cherries, lavender, Provençal garrigue, and peppery herbs. With medium to full-bodied richness, a plump, expansive mouthfeel, no hard edges, and a great finish, drink this pleasure-bent 2018 any time over the coming 7-8 years. I wouldn't be surprised to see it keep even longer." Jeb Dunnuck, october 2020

GRAPE VARIETIES

70% Grenache
30% Syrah

AGE OF VINES AND YIELD

40 years (average) with some old Grenaches (80 years)
21hl/ha

SERVICE & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Ideally open about one hour before serving between 13-15°C.
Optimum maturity: 2020 - 2028
ABV: 15%

Shoulder of lamb with green olives
Filet of hare with chestnuts