

# 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 2012

A dry and cold winter with many days of Mistral wind which left the vines healthy and disease-free. Followed a very wet Spring which pushed back the flowering by 2 weeks. The summer months were hot, allowing for an excellent concentration of the grapes. Harvest started on September 20th, under warm, sunny conditions.

### Awards

- 89 Wine Spectator
- 90 Wine Advocate - Robert Parker
- 92 Vinous - Josh Raynolds
- 92-94 International Wine Cellar - Stephen Tanzer

### TERROIR

Selection of two terroirs to achieve a fine balance between strength and elegance:

- Rolled pebbles in the "La Crau" sector, on quaternary terraces for the Grenache grapes.
- Clay and limestone soils from the Cretaceous period and soft sandstone from the Miocene period for the Syrah grapes.

### WINEMAKING

Manual harvest. Grapes are de-stemmed and crushed. A 21-day maceration period with regular punch-downs and rack & return (délestage) operations. Malolactic fermentation. 12 months élevage of the Syrah in 275-litre Laurus barrels (mix of new, 1-year and 2-year barrels).

Production: 7,850 bottles  
Bottled on: 8 July 2014

### TASTING NOTES

Intense, deep red colour. On the nose, aromas of black cherry and strawberry. Full-bodied on the palate with notes of ripe plums and spice. Rich, long finish. A wine that is already very enjoyable but also has good aging potential. (Tasted August 2014)

### GRAPE VARIETIES

60% Grenache  
40% Syrah

### AGE OF VINES AND YIELD

31 years on average, Grenache vines over 80 years of age - 30 hl/ha

### SERVICE & FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

16-18°C - Ideal when opened 1-hour ahead

Duck confit  
Lamb marinated with cep (porcini) mushrooms  
Loin of veal à la provençale

Optimum maturity: 2015-2022  
ABV : 14.5%