

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

CLOS DE BEAUVENIR 2012

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE



WINEMAKER

Christian Voeux

TECHNICAL DATA

Acidity
3.39 g/L

Alcohol
13.5%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:
\$179.99

BACKGROUND

Archives affirm Château La Nerthe's existence as early as 1560, while suggesting an even more distant past dating to the dawn of the region's wine culture in the 12th century, making it one of Châteauneuf's oldest estates. Located in the heart of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC region of southern France, the 225 acres of Château La Nerthe vineyards are located in a single block around the Château and have been certified organic since 1998. The terroir is typical for the region: vineyards runs along a slope, at the top of which the vines dig their roots into soils of sandy-clay. On the surface there is a layer of the famous galettes (large, round, well-worn stones that originated in the Alps) having been carried down to the Rhône by the glaciers of previous ice ages. The further down the slope of the vineyard you travel, the more these stones dominate. All 14 of the permitted primary varietals are planted. Grenache dominates 62% of vineyards and the vines average over 40 years old. The Clos de Beauvenir vineyard is a small vineyard enclosed by Provencal stone walls.

APELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Rhône Valley), France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

58% Roussanne, 32% Clairette, 8% Grenache blanc, 2% Bourboulenc

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

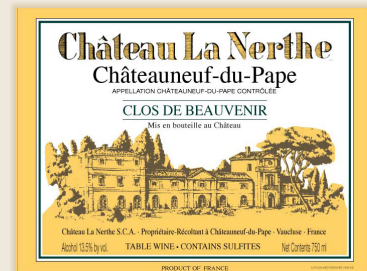
2011-2012 winter was very cold and dry. February started with two weeks of freezing temperatures and a strong mistral wind gusting up to 62mph. This weather negatively impacted the vineyard, with many buds being partially or totally destroyed and numerous old vine stocks freezing. Spring was cool and humid with rain that restored the groundwater levels. Summer was very dry in the region unlike the rest of France. The two very hot weeks during mid-August helped finish ripening the grapes and hand harvesting began at the end of August. The volume harvest was small due to the winter frost, coulure in the Grenache and the dry summer. The winemaking process went smoothly, the whites having good acidity and great expression of fruit. The vintage is similar to the 2010, with a high concentration of delicate tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Nice pale yellow, green tints with a lot of brilliance. The nose is intense and complex with apricot, peach and sweet spices. On the palate perfect balance, between roundness and sweetness, wood is fine, elegant and very well integrated. The finish is long on apricot and candied fruit.

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