



CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

CUVÉE DES CADETTES 2013

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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. Cuvée des Cadettes is not a selection made in the cellar but from a unique 20 acre vineyard planted with 85 to 100 year old vines.

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape (Rhône Valley), France

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

42% Grenache Noir, 37% Syrah, 21% Mourvèdre

WINEMAKING & VINTAGE NOTES

Hand harvested & hand sorted. The cuvasion begins with cold prefermentation maceration lasting 12-24 hours. Alcoholic fermentation occurs directly after maceration with wild yeast native to the vineyard. The intensity of pumping over and punching down is defined by tasting the fermenting juice to ensure the best extraction of the berry compounds. Maceration lasts 18 to 20 days, and the wines are racked into the concrete tanks for malolactic fermentation.

AGEING

Aged for 12 months, 100% in oak barrels, blending takes place shortly before bottling.

TASTING NOTES

Dark garnet color with purple hints. The nose shows black cherry liqueur aromas with toasted notes and fruity scents of strawberries and balsamic. On the palate, beautiful richness, density and concentration of sandalwood, cedar, and cherry blossom. Followed by a spicy finish, the aromatic complexity and elegance are both qualities that reveal richness and balance of La Nerthe.

WINEMAKER

Ralph Garcin

TECHNICAL DATA

Alcohol
14%

SUGGESTED RETAIL PRICE:
\$179.99

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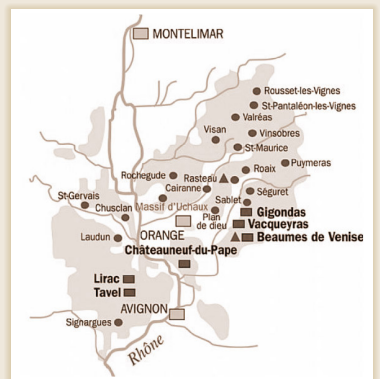
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