

CHÂTEAU DE NALYS

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grand Vin 2019

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France

ESTATE

Since their very first vintage bottled under the Guigal name, in 1946, the Guigal family has produced a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The terroirs of Nalys realize a dream spanning three generations to join this leading prestigious and historic appellation. A property of 125 contiguous acres, Nalys is comprised of three spectacular plots within three of the best vineyards in the appellation: the famous "La Crau", Le Grand Pierre, and "Bois Sénéchal". Already listed in regional land registers at the end of the 16th century, Château de Nalys is one of the oldest properties in the appellation, and begins a new chapter in the hands of Guigal.

WINE

As with all the Nalys wines, the Grand Vin is produced from all three vineyards, but notably 50% of the blend comes from La Crau, which lends the intense structure. The wine is primarily intense old vine Grenache, with a large portion of Syrah, and then additions of several other varieties, including most of the estate's Mourvedre.

VINEYARD

Produced from three exceptional terroirs: 27% Nalys, with fine, red sandstone and sandy clay, with some limestone and soft sandstone; 50% La Crau, featuring the famous galets, large round pebbles derived from the Rhone river; 23% Bois Senechal, with slightly smaller galets and sandier, less structured soils than La Crau.

WINEMAKING

Variety: 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 8% Mourvedre, 2% Counoise & Muscardin

Fermentation: Manual harvest and sorting followed by vinification in conical wooden vats, fermentation lasting around 4 weeks

Aging: 24 months, of which 30% in wood (barrels and foudres) and 70% concrete

Alcohol: 15.5%

VINTAGE

2019 is another excellent vintage for the Rhône Valley, with exceptional potential quality in both the North and South. A dry spring was followed by a moderate summer featuring three distinct heat spikes; harvest occurred normally in mid-September. The grapes were ripe and concentrated with excellent natural acidity, and the wines are rich but balanced and expressive. Another superb vintage for the region..

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JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Grand Vin offers more depth, with a darker core of fruit as well as complex notes of peppery garrigue, loamy earth, and incense. The balance here is spot on, it's medium to full-bodied, and has great tannins, all making for a brilliant Châteauneuf du Pape with tons to love. It shows the sunny style of the vintage as well but doesn't lose a beat with regards to elegance and finesse." -J.D 12/22

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