



CLOS SAINT JEAN

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Clos Saint Jean is a 41 hectare estate in Châteauneuf-du-Pape run by brothers Vincent and Pascal Maurel. Considered by many critics as the preeminent estate espousing the modern style of viniculture in Châteauneuf, the estate is one of the oldest in the region having been founded in 1900 by the great-great-grandfather of Vincent and Pascal, Edmund Tacussel. A short time after the founding of the estate, and well before the AOP of Châteauneuf-du-Pape was created (1923), Edmund began estate bottling wines in 1910.

The vineyards of Clos Saint Jean are primarily located in the region of Châteauneuf known as La Crau. This plateau is the most iconic of the many terroirs of Châteauneuf-du-Pape – iron-rich red clays topped with galets. While about 60% of the vineyards of Clos Saint Jean are located on this terroir, more specifically in the lieu-dits of Côteau de Saint Jean and Cabane de Saint-Jean, another 40% are located on alluvial clay and sandy soils adjacent to the plateau. They also own a small parcel of Mourvedre in the lieu-dit of Bois-Dauphin near Château Rayas planted on sandy, limestone-rich soils.

In a 41 hectare estate, there is only 1 hectare of white varieties: Grenache Blanc, Clairette and Roussanne in roughly equal proportions. The Grenache and Clairette is pressed directly into tank upon reaching the cellar where it is fermented and aged on its lees. The Roussanne is harvested in several passes and pressed into French oak for fermentation and aging. The final wine is blended and bottled in the spring after the harvest.

ORIGIN

France

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

SOIL

Clay limestone, galets

AGE OF VINES

50-100

ELEVATION

120 meters

VARIETIES

Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Roussanne

FARMING

Sustainable

FERMENTATION

Fermentation in stainless steel and concrete tanks

AGING

6 months in tank

ACCOLADES

93 – 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc – Jeb Dunnuck

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