



CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL



Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Roussanne Vieilles Vignes 2016

PRESENTATION

Considered as one of the greatest white wines in France, only 6000 bottles of this wine are produced. It's made with 100% very old Roussanne vines and harvested slightly over ripe. This exceptional wine must be drunk within 3 years or after 15 years. To be enjoyed with gastronomic cuisine.

THE VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage in the Southern Rhone valley is exceptional, both in terms of quality and quantity, thanks to idyllic weather conditions that protected the region from climatic accidents throughout the whole year.

LOCATION

Château de Beaucastel has 7 hectares planted with white varieties.

TERROIR

Molasse seabed of the Miocene period covered by diluvial alpine deposits (rolled pebbles).

AGEING

The grapes are hand picked in small cases and sorted, pneumatically pressed. Settling of the juices and fermentation (30% in oak, 70% tanks). Bottled after 8 months.

VARIETAL

Roussanne 100%

SERVING

14°C in tasting glasses.

TASTING

With its deep mimosa yellow color, this Roussanne Vieilles Vignes 2016 presents an intense nose with notes of acacia and beeswax. The palate is soft, full-bodied, with honeyed aromas and an infinite length. A great vintage.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS



19/20

"Le Vieilles Vignes continue de nous impressionner : il s'affine et gagne en profondeur avec le temps. Une des plus jolies définitions de Roussanne dans le Rhône méridional. Une belle maturité qui reflète le cépage sans accuser les notes trop mûres si souvent rencontrées dans le secteur de Châteauneuf. Nous sommes impressionnés par la maîtrise de la maturité que ce vin profond révèle. La bouche se montre de belle envergure, ample et racée, avec une belle allonge."

La Revue du Vin de France, 31/07/2017



JEB DUNNUCK

100/100

"Also bottled two weeks ago, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes is utterly killer and is as good as it gets. Huge notes of orange blossom, peach, tangerine, honeysuckle, and caramelized citrus flow from this insanely good, unctuous, heavenly textured white that possesses full-bodied richness and power, yet stays light, graceful and perfectly balanced on the palate. Drink bottles anytime over the coming 4-6 years, or cellar for a decade or more. Robert Parker once famously called this the Montrachet of the Rhône, and I wholeheartedly agree with him. Don't miss this wine!"

Jeb Dunnuck, 19/10/2017

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Guide Bettane et Desseauve des vins de France, 03/09/2018

Decanter

97/100

"At nine years of age, this is clearly entering the second phase of its evolution, with oxidative notes taking the form of wax, honey and hazelnuts. Still lovely and fresh on the palate, with characteristically mild acidity. The finish, which features a touch of brown butter, isn't as long as expected – this needs a little longer to comfortably step into its second phase. Will be good, but give it time, as it's in an awkward chapter at the time of tasting. From a single parcel of Roussanne, planted in 1919 and grown biodynamically."

Matt Walls, Decanter, 05/02/2025

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

96/100

"The 500-case production of this wine comes from a three-hectare parcel of Roussanne planted in 1909. The 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes takes the quality of Beaucastel's traditional white and raises it another level. Caramelized pineapple sounds sweet and cloying, but it isn't when it's backed by amazing texture, citrus zest and a briny sensation on the never-ending finish. As this was the last wine of my visit to the estate, I found it especially hard to spit out."

Wine Advocate, 31/10/2017

