



CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE TERRE D'ABEL

Chateuneuf du Pape, Red 2010

Terre d'Abel is a selection of the best vineyards planted by my great great-grandfather Abel.

Mourvèdre, Grenache and Syrah.

One year maturing in oak casks and in barrels.

Rich and hearty wine with harmonious but persistent tannins.

PRESENTATION

Terre d'Abel is special cuvee from a selection of the best vineyards planted by my great-great-grandfather Abel. Thanks to the long-established winegrowing knowledge in our family, these 80-year-old vines show the true expression of their terroir. I was able to create this cuvee thanks to an exceptional vintage, rigorous vinification and favorable ageing conditions. This wine of a rare concentration and will pleasantly surprise you as it matures.

THE VINTAGE

2009

SITUATION

The Domaine is situated in the area of the CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE Appellation.

TERROIR

The terroir is clayey-chalky with large rounded sun-warmed stones, which diffuse a gentle, providential heat that helps the grapes to mature.

IN THE VINEYARD

For 35 years, we cultivate the vineyard with agriculture in an environmental friendly way. The yield is low: 29 hl/ha. The grapes are harvested by hand with a selection of the best grapes.

WINEMAKING

The grapes are slightly crushed and placed in a fermentation concrete tank. Long vatting time at controlled temperature during 21 days, with pumping-over and punching of the cap to obtain a reasoned extraction of tannins. The maturing is done 12 months in oak casks for 2/3 and in barrels for 1/3. Then it's bottled at the Domaine.

GRAPES

Mourvèdre : 55%, Grenache : 30%, Syrah : 15%

SERVICE

Big wine for ageing. In order to appreciate all the aromatic power of this wine, I suggest you to open the bottle and to put it in a carafe 2 hours before the tasting. Serve at 18°C.

TASTING

This wine, with a deep purple Colour, presents a rich Nose with aromas of incense, cocoa and powerful red fruits (raspberry) with hints of spring flowers (violets, mimosas). The Mouth is all in concentrated, structured and full-bodied. The tannins are present but well-matured. We can guess aromas of redcurrant and pepper at the end of the mouth. It could be appreciated in the next 10 years.

FOOD PAIRINGS





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Red meats. Games.

REVIEWS AND AWARDS

Kicking off the 2012s, Saint Siffrein's straight Châteauneuf du Pape offers loads of kirsch, mulled spice, blackberry and garrigue in its classic, medium to full-bodied, ripe and textured style. Made from 65% Grenache, 15% each of Mourvedre and Syrah and the rest Cinsault, aged 12 months in stainless steel and foudre, it's an outstanding, Provençal effort to drink over the coming 8-10 years.

• Note: 90 / 100 - Jeb DUNNUCK, WINE AVOCAE Robert PARKER, 29/08/2014

"The wine possesses lots of structure, a chalky minerality and abundant ripe black currant and black cherry fruit intermixed with subtle notes of Provençal herbs and forest floor. Spicy, peppery, meaty and rich with great depth and length on the palate, this 2010 should be and enjoyed over the following two decades."

• Note: 94 + / 100 - Robert PARKER, WINE AVOCATE Robert PARKER, 22/08/2012

"Deep ruby. Complex, deeply pitched aromas of cherry compote, blackberry, lavender, incense and licorice. The palate show an exotic spiciness and intense, concentrated dark fruit preserve and floral pastille flavors. Alluringly supple wine with a vibrant, persistent finish that echoes the spicy note."

• Note: 91-93 / 100 - Joshua RAYNOLDS, Stephen TANZER'S INTERNATIONAL WINE CELLAR, 14/11/2011

