



Domaine du Pegau

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Regarded as the leading Domaine for traditionally styled, age-worthy Châteauneuf-du-Pape in this large and prestigious appellation. Pegau's vineyards consist of 11 parcels totaling 19 hectares among Châteauneuf's best 'terroirs' including in 'La Crau'.

For winemaking the grapes are lightly crushed and tipped into the vats (no de-stemming). The maceration and initial alcoholic fermentation last 15 days before the juice is run off and the must is pressed. The wine is then aged for a minimum of 18 months in old oak 'foudres' (large oval barrels), which are assembled together before bottling (without filtration) to obtain the uniform quality of the largest Cuvée called 'Cuvée Réservee'.

In 1998 a special cuvée was created called 'Cuvée du Capo'. Released only in the best vintages, mostly from a vineyard in the eastern sector of Châteauneuf at 'La Crau'. Even though all thirteen authorized varietals are included in the blend, it is essentially 95% Grenache from very old vines producing around 6,000 bottles. The 'Cuvée Laurence' is produced in very good years when da Capo is not. Aged up to 36 months in a mixture of large foudres and small oak barrels (none new) this deeply rich cuvée cellars wonderfully.



2008 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc

60% Grenache Blanc, 20% Clairette, 10% Bourboulenc and 10% Roussanne.

"Pale yellow. Bright, mineral-driven aromas of Meyer lemon, orange and pear. Racy and finely focused, with clean citrus and orchard fruit flavors and an undercurrent of gently musky herbs. The mineral note recurs on the long, tangy finish." **89 pts Stephen Tanzer Jan 10**

2006 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Réservee

"The 2006 exhibits gamy, meaty, new saddle leather, kirsch liqueur, black currant, pepper, lavender, and spice notes. The wine is full-bodied, rich, deep, and long.." **92-94pts The Wine Advocate # 179 October 2008 Robert Parker**

"Juicy raspberry and blackcurrant flavors pack serious punch and are seriously concentrated but there's a real elegance to this wine. Licorice and candied flowers echo on the long, sappy finish. This looks to be as good as the superb 2005 today." **94 pts Stephen Tanzer Jan/Feb 09**

2005 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée Laurence'

"The 2005 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Laurence appears to be the finest example of this wine since the 1998. Wonderfully rich, concentrated notes of roasted Provencal herbs, jammy black cherries, new saddle leather, and loamy soil are present in this stunningly rich, full-bodied wine. With excellent concentration, moderate tannin, and fabulous length as well as intensity, it should be released in 2009-2010, and will keep for 20-25 years." **95-97 points R.Parker #179 Oct 2008**