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Domaine Duclaux

Chateauneuf du Pape Rouge



Vintage: 2011

Domaine Duclaux Chateauneuf du Pape has great concentration of color and flavor, with a balance of fruit and tannin, revealing more herb, earth, meaty, and spice characteristics along with an attractive kirsch liqueur note.

Grape Varietals: Grenache and Mourvedre, along with other varieties such as Syrah, Crounise, Vaccarese, Picpoul, Terret Noir and Muscardin

Vine Age: 50 years with the oldest close to 90 years old

Soils: Many of the parcels of vines are planted on the traditional "galets" or round, heavy stones washed down from the Alps, with underlying areas of alluvial soil mixed with stony sand and heavier chalky clay.

Planted area: 30 acres over 10 parcels

The vinification follows strict careful selection of the best grapes, with a long, slow fermentation over three or four weeks. The wines are then matured in vats and oak barrels for a minimum of 24 months before bottling at the domaine.

A particular distinction of Domaine Duclaux is that the vineyards are largely planted with the different varieties mixed together in the same parcel, which allows for later harvesting with the grapes being much riper. As well, the wide variety of soil types ensures maximum quality of the grapes. All harvesting is done by hand, with very severe selection of the best grapes.

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The star of the lineup, the 2011 Chateauneuf du Pape Domaine Duclaux is a beautiful, possibly outstanding 2011 that gives up impressive blackberry, cassis, spice and licorice. Medium to full-bodied, with great fruit and surprising freshness and purity, it will dish out loads of pleasure over the coming 6-7 years. Drink now-2020. These are solid efforts by the Quiot Family and they offer classic profiles with lots of immediate appeal.

The Duclaux family traces its history back to the 17th century from when Louis Duclaux was the first consul of Chateauneuf du Pape in 1627. This notable position continued in the family until 1831. Jerome Quiot took over full responsibility for Domaine Duclaux in 1991 and in 2001 this domaine was given by the last owner of the Duclaux family to Jerome Quiot's two children: Florence and Jean-Baptiste.

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