



CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE LES CAILLOUX CUVÉE CENTENAIRE 2016

WINE DATA

Producer

André Brunel

Region

Châteauneuf du Pape

Country

France

Wine Composition

90% Grenache,
10% Syrah

Alcohol

14.5 %

Total Acidity

3.29 g/l

Residual Sugar

< 1 g/l

pH

3.59



DESCRIPTION

Cuvee Centenaire is a dark, brooding wine with a rich and expressive nose that mixes leather and forest floor with blackcurrant and blackberry. These complex aromas, usually reserved for wine that has aged for a long period of time, are already present. The tannins are mellow, with a roundness in the mouth and an impressively long finish.

WINEMAKER NOTES

To celebrate 100 years of planting the most beautiful plot in the region, father and son owners, Lucien and André Brunel, decided in 1989 to create a special cuvée specifically from the grapes of a single vineyard in Farguerol, that became Cuvée Centenaire. Vines as old as 125 years are planted in soil with a lot of clay on both the surface and deep down in the ground. This blue clay gives the wine its mineral properties and the vineyards' position guarantees perfect sunshine. The Mistral winds often blowing over the vineyards contribute to the concentration of sugar and aromas in this extraordinary wine. Cuvée Centenaire is only produced during exceptional vintages, when it fully expresses the essence of Grenache.

The grapes were harvested by hand on September 17, 2019. After destemming and crushing, the Grenache grapes followed the traditional fermenting process for four weeks in concrete vats. The wine was then aged in the same vats for 18 months. After this period, the wine was blended with one barrique of Syrah, coming from two-year-old Burgundian oak. It was then bottled and spent an additional three months at the winery before being released.

SERVING HINTS

Cuvee Centenaire becomes more complex with age. A good ten years or more is necessary for its full potential to be revealed.