

ARCANE LE PAPE 2010 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE

BLEND

100% Grenache, centenary vines and older
13 barrels selected based on their mineral salt concentration
15 parcels across different terroirs of the appellation

WINE MAKING

Hand harvesting, destemming and sorting on the plot.
Very limited manipulation of the grapes during the winemaking process and no mechanical extraction during fermentation.
Once fermented the wine was put in special barrels with stainless steel circling, the barrels themselves were plunged into concrete tanks filled with Châteauneuf du Pape. This hyperreductive ageing last for 60 months.
Then in June 2016 the wine was bottled and set for a bottle ageing of a year before release.

AGEING POTENTIAL 15 to 20 years

SERVICE 15/17° C

FOOD PAIRING

Hare "à la Royale" - Doe Tournedos with truffle sauce
Wagyu beef



With regards to the 2010 Châteauneuf du Pape Arcane Le Pape, I had to have Xavier explain how he made it about three times before I understood. The wine is 100% Grenache, from 15 different parcels, that was put into a barrel, then the entire barrel was put into a concrete tank, which was then filled with wine. This is a take on the underwater aging process that some people experiment with, and the result is that there's no exposure to oxygen whatsoever, and the wine was kept like this for five years, with no racking or topping (since there's no evaporation, it never needed to be topped). Inky purple in color, with a sensational, youthful bouquet of crushed flowers, blueberries, blackberries, cured meats and spice, it hits the palate with incredible richness, a thick, unctuous mid-palate and ripe, yet present tannin. It's a singular, exotic beauty that I wish every reader could taste! I've not a clue how it will age, given its crazy élevage, yet I suspect it will benefit from short-term cellaring and keep for two to three decades! Hats off to the team here for having the guts to pull something like this off!



A 100% Grenache sourced from numerous terroirs in the appellation, the 2010 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Arcane Le Pape offers a lovely bouquet of blackberries, saddle leather, garrigue, and forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, elegant and silky, it's still tight and backward on the palate, with good acidity, building tannin, and a great finish. It's going to hit prime time in 2-3 years and keep for a decade.



Some age here. This has a very rich, ripe and complex feel with a sleek, supple stream of such deeply fleshy, ripe dark-plum and berry flavors. The tannins are so regal. Wow! Drink or hold.



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