

CHÂTEAU GIGOGNAN

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE – CARDINALICE

RHÔNE

Story

In the heart of the Rhône Valley, a 10 minutes drive from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, lies Château Gigognan, an ancient vineyard from the Roman times, whose winemaking tradition has deep roots into the history of the region. The estate has known several different lives. It wasn't until 1996 that Gigognan turned a new page in its history when it was bought by a local entrepreneur. In 2017, a new team of professionals and experts was put in place and the vineyard underwent an unprecedented renewal and investments. Château Gigognan covers 110 ha of which 40 ha are in AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape, 23 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Signargues, 23 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône Villages and 24 ha in Côtes-du-Rhône.

Farming philosophy : sustainable (Terra Vitis)

« Cardinalice » refers to the luxurious residences of the bishops at the time of the Papacy in Avignon

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 100% Grenache noir

Plot size : 0,6 ha (1,5 acres)

Average age of the vines : 40-45 ans

South facing

Elevation : 120m (395 ft)

Soils : Clay-limestone covered with rolled pebbles

FARMING PRACTICES

- Training method : Gobelet
- No herbicides
- Green harvesting some years (thinned out the leaves)
- Cover crops
- Mowing by sheep in April
- Organic treatments

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / 50% destemmed with sorting
- Fermentation : Temperature controlled concrete tank / 10 days
- Maceration : 3-4 weeks
- Maceration technique : Pump over and plunging
- Pneumatic press
- Aging : 12 months in seasoned large oak barrels and 6 months in concrete tank / on fine lees
- Fined : No
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Explosive nose with soft and feminine aromas of floral notes (rose) and berries. Smooth and suave palate. A remarkably fine and elegant wine.



Press ratings

95 pts Wine Advocate – 2018 vintage

91-93 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2019 vintage

93 pts Jeb Dunnuck – 2017 vintage

French
Libation