

CHÂTEAU GIGOGNAN

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE – CLOS DU ROI

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 2012, a new team of professionals and experts was put in place and the vineyard underwent an unprecedented renewal and investments. Château Gigognan covers 100 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 : Organic certification in 2010

The Clos du Roi is the oldest plot of the estate, surrounded by cypress trees.

Vineyard Information

Grape varieties : 40% Grenache B - 40% Clairette - 20% Roussanne

Plot size : 2,5 ha (6,17 acres)

Average age of the vines : 40-45 ans

South facing

Elevation : 200m (655 ft)

Soils : Clay-limestone covered with rolled pebble

FARMING PRACTICES

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

Winemaking

- Hand picked grapes / Whole bunches with sorting
- Pneumatic press
- Fermentation : Temperature controlled concrete tank (60%) and oak barrels (40%) / 15 days - No malolactic fermentation
- Aging : 9 months in seasoned oak barrels (40%) and concrete tank (60%)
- Fined : Yes
- Filtration : Yes
- SO2 Total : <100ppm Vegan : Yes

Tasting notes

Opens on pretty notes of white fruits and acacia honey.

Rich and ample on the palate, where the subtle oak brings structure, finesse and elegance. The finish, carried by the natural tension of the wine, expresses the great depth of this Clos du Roi.



Press ratings

90 pts Jeb Dunnuck- 2019 vintage

90 pts Wine Advocate - 2019 vintage

93 pts Wine Advocate- 2018 vintage