

# Domaine de Saje

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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### 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

*Partially destemmed, vinified in concrete and raised in foudre, this is a super effort among the entry-level 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape. It's 80% Grenache Noir (worth making the distinction because there is some Grenache Blanc in here as well), plus the other permitted grape varieties. There's a fine almond-paste note, ripe cherries and a lush, silky finish that picks up hints of garrigue and dried spices. It should drink well for at least a decade.*

93 points– Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, October 2017

*(Aged in foudres for 18 months) Ruby-red. Highly perfumed cherry, raspberry and floral pastille scents are complemented by hints of rhubarb and garrigue. Sappy red and blue fruit and spice cake flavors show good depth as well as vivacity and back-end cut. The floral quality repeats on a long, focused finish that's given shape by smooth, even tannins.*

90-92 points– Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, March 2017

### 2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

*The wine is approximately eighty-five percent grenache, but with all of the parcels here a field blend that incorporate all the other allowed grapes in the appellation, so the other fifteen percent is composed of small percentages of twelve other varieties! The grapes are co-fermented in concrete and the wine aged in old foudres. The 2013 Domaine de Saje comes in at fourteen percent octane and offers up a classic bouquet of black cherries, pepper, grilled meats, garrigue, incipient notes of oak leaves and bonfires in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and nicely peppery in profile, with a fine core, impressive soil signature, ripe tannins and a long, youthful and quite classic finish. This needs time to blossom, but is “old school” in the best sense of the phrase and likely to be an outstanding bottle for twenty-five years or more, once it has opened up properly.*

92 points– John Gilman, A View from the Cellar, No. 73

### **2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée 1600**

*A rarity in Chateauneuf du Pape, Domaine de Saje's 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape 1600 features Counoise as the largest varietal component (42%), followed by Grenache (20%) and Mourvèdre (20%). The balance consists of tiny amounts of the other permitted varieties. Given Counoise's ability to retain acid and ripen at relatively low brix, could this be one possible way forward for an appellation struggling with high alcohol levels? The wine is complex, blending notes of cherry, cracked pepper, garrigue and clove, but also full-bodied and silky in texture, with a long finish. Impressive!*

93 points– Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, October 2017

### **2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Marquish Anselme Mathieu**

*I enjoyed all of the wines from this estate, but I was blown away by the complexity and purity of the 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape Marquis Anselme Mathieu, which was made in concrete and aged in foudre. Not only does it show beautiful cherry and stone fruit notes, it layers on hints of clove, allspice, garrigue and green peppercorn. There's ample weight and texture on the palate, with the plush tannins drawing to a silky, spicy finish that lingers for minutes.*

96 points– Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, October 2017

*(Made from two parcels of vines, one planted in 1890 and the other in 1892; raised in a single old foudre for 15 months) Vibrant ruby. Highly perfumed, mineral-accented aromas of ripe red fruits, lavender and incense expand with aeration. Palate-staining red and blue fruit flavors are complemented by an exotic floral pastille quality that gains strength on the back half. Rich but fresh and nervy, showing excellent finishing clarity, supple tannins and lingering floral and mineral notes.*

92-94 points– Josh Raynolds, Vinous Media, March 2017