



LA FERME DU MONT Capelan 2018



Country

France

Region

Southern Rhône - Rhône Valley

Appellation

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Winemaker

Stéphane Vedeau

Alcohol Content

14.5%

Varietal Blend

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah,
10% Mourvèdre

HISTORY

La Ferme du Mont in the Southern Rhône boasts a mosaic of vineyards, now owned and vinified by Stéphane Vedeau. Formerly a soccer player in Paris, Stéphane shifted to winemaking in 1989 and spent 15 years making award-winning wines in the Languedoc. Stéphane arrived in the Rhone Valley in 2000, creating La Ferme du Mont in the Southern Rhone where he continues to produce wines with freshness and soul using native yeasts and biodynamic methods.

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

A Châteauneuf du Pape from the most beautiful complex plots, precise, balanced and distinguished. The terroir is made up of rolled pebbles and multiple stone soils find their originality in a high proportion of complex clay. Vines experienced a period of significant drought, slowing down the phenolic maturity and even a stop in some cases the natural wilting at the end of the cycle. The remaining fruits were very sharp and revealed a beautiful typicity and balance. The plant itself did not suffer from the drought, therefore did not alter its future integrity for the next vintages. Fairly long vatting (6 to 8 weeks) is carried out with gentle extractions and regular work of the lees. After a very slow pressing, wines are blended, and the 18-month aging process combines both a proportion of barrels (30%) and traditional aging in concrete vats (70%).

TASTING NOTES

"Showed nicely, with a deep purple/plum color as well as powerful notes of blackcurrants, black raspberries, scorched earth, peppery garrigue, and a touch of smoked meat. These all flow to a medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated 2018 that has plenty of mid-palate depth, building structure, and a great finish." - JD

ACCOLADES

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Jeb Dunnuck, 2020

95-97

Wine Advocate, 2019

