

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE "ALEXIS ESTABLET"



TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Country	France
Region	Rhone
Sub-Region	Châteauneuf du Pape
Producer	Domaine du Grand Tinel
Vintage	2016
Composition	100% Grenache
Alcohol	16%
Certifications	Environmentally Friendly
Press	(94-96) points Wine Advocate (92-94) points Vinous

WINEMAKER NOTES

Between Orange and Avignon, on the left bank of the Rhone River, the old Pope's Castle was edified. Pilgrims, Crusaders, Templars, Huguenots, Popes and Kings, as well as Thieves and Invaders all passed through this remarkable place. Two longstanding and well known families of Chateauneuf du Pape, Jeune and Establet, who can trace their ancestors back to the 14th century, united their properties by a marriage between Christiane Establet and Pierre Elie Jeune in 1960's, and the Domaine du Grand Tinel was established in 1972. Today, Christophe, Béatrice and Isabelle Jeune continue the family tradition of producing great wines of the region.

TASTING NOTES

A knockout effort that has fabulous fruit intensity, medium to full-bodied richness and a sexy, voluptuous style. It gives up notions of black raspberry, mulled blackberries, crushed flowers and herbes de Provence.

VINEYARD

- *Soil:* Silica-clayish soil with rounded pebbles

VINIFICATION

- *Harvest:* Entirely manual, followed by systematic sorting



- **Vinification:** Traditional, with complete destemming
- **Vatting:** 3 to 4 weeks
- **Fermentation:** Temperature controlled; pumping over 1 to 2 times a day
- **Aging:** 18 months in new and old oak casks

PRESS

"The 2016 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Alexis Establet is pure Grenache raised in a combination of foudres, demi-muids and new barriques. It's a richer, more powerful wine than the regular bottling, weighing in at 16% alcohol, yet it never seems hot, just big, plush and velvety. Subtle notes of cocoa and pencil shavings frame cherry and spice flavors in this seamless blend of fruit and oak. *Sexy stuff!*" - (94-96) points, *Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate*

"Deep ruby. A suave, expansive bouquet evokes ripe red berries, potpourri and smoky minerals, along with a hint of peppery spices in the background. In an elegant yet concentrated style, offering appealingly sweet raspberry and spicecake flavors that show excellent depth as well as finesse. Juicy acidity adds lift and finishing bite to a very long, floral-tinged finish framed by smooth tannins." - (92-94) points, *Josh Reynolds, Vinous*
