



Château de la Font du Loup

LEGEND

2018



The 2018 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Legend is a Mourvèdre dominated cuvée from La Crau, aged in a combination of 600-liter demi-muids and smaller barrels (about 25% new). Hints of toasted cedar appear on the nose alongside strawberries, cherries and hints of forest floor. Medium to full-bodied, it's silky in feel on the palate, with those tannins lingering on the cherry-tinged finish. It may ultimately be longer-lived than Le Puy Rolland Vieilles Vignes, but I don't see its apex as being quite on the same level.

92/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2018 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Legend comes all from the estate and is 70% Mourvèdre and 30% Grenache that was raised in demi-muids, foudre, and tank. It's the deepest hued release in the lineup and has textbook Mourvèdre notes of red, black, and blue fruits as well as cured meats, Christmas spice, and ground pepper. Medium to full-bodied, it has a solid core of sweet fruit, plenty of Mourvèdre structure, notable freshness, and a great finish. It has some upfront charm yet is going to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and drink brilliantly for a decade.

93+/100

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DE FRANCE

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Wine Spectator

Seductive, with gently mulled plum, blackberry and black cherry fruit holding interest, while anise, red tea and mineral notes course underneath. There's a tightly focused and streamlined feel, with a flash of shiso leaf at the very end adding lingering cut and freshness. Best from 2022 through 2035. 200 cases made, 50 cases imported.

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Lastly, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Legend is primarily Mourvèdre from a single parcel on La Crau, brought up, I believe, in tank. Its deep ruby color is followed by a beautiful bouquet of blackberries, ground pepper, garrigue, chocolate, and loads of classic Mourvèdre spice and earthiness. Rich, full-bodied, rounded, and downright voluptuous, it has good underlying acidity as well as ripe tannins. This killer wine is reasonably approachable today due to its wealth of fruit, yet I suspect it might close down with a year or three of bottle age. Do your best to hide bottles for a good 4-5 years, and it should keep for 15+. It's a bigger, richer wine compared to the 2015.





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2015



My favorite of the Font du Loup releases was the 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape-Legend, a blend of 65% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache and 10% Syrah. Complex spice notes accent cherry aromas, while the palate boasts plush tannins and subtle hints of vanilla. A long, layered and velvety finish ends this wine in style.

93/100

JEB DUNNUCK

The 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Legend is my favorite of these three releases. Made from 65% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache and 10% Syrah aged in demi-muids, barrels (10% new) and foudre, it offers beautiful notes of blackberries, blueberries, dried earth and peppery garrigue, medium to full-bodied richness, fine, polished tannin and a great finish. It's closed and backward on the palate, so forget bottles for 3-4 years. It's a terrific, elegant wine to enjoy over the coming decade or more.

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