



Château La Nerthe

CINQ SIÈCLES D'ÉLÉGANCE

Les Clavelles 2022

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge
100% Grenache noir



VINTAGE 2022: It was a challenging year due to different factors: strong heat wave early in the spring along with severe water deficit until August and, because of storm, or rather not to say 'tornado', on August 14, 2022 with hail and wind causing considerable damages in almost all of our vineyard. Our vines, however, surprised us with their resilience, especially our Grenache grapes. Thus, despite the intense heat of the vintage, our red wines turn out to be fleshy, refined and balanced!

TERROIR: This cuvée comes from plots established on places-known as 'Chemin de Châteauneuf' at the crossroads of 'La Crau Sud' & 'La Font du Loup'. Here Grenache finds its balance, forgets its powerful character and meets finesse.

VINIFICATION AND AGEING: The grapes are hand picked and directly sorted when arriving in the cellar, then put whole in a wooden tank where the fermentation takes place. This is followed by the gentlest extraction possible: very few interventions, and long maceration (around 4 weeks) will then promote careful, and serene aging. The wine will age for 12 months partly in 'Foudre', large wooden casks, and partly in old oak barrels.

TASTING: Very graceful but complex nose, almost 'oriental' (sandalwood, cedar, cinnamon, potpourri) with aromas of cocoa and almond. On the palate, it's delicious: fruity tones of morello cherry, blood orange enveloped by pastry & smoothy flavors. Powdery tannins, well-coated fruity & savory mouth on with sweet spices. Long and refined finish.

FOOD AND WINE PAIRING: This beauty is standing on its own, you must take the time to discover all its nuances and thus experience a pure moment of pleasure!

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 15% by vol.

