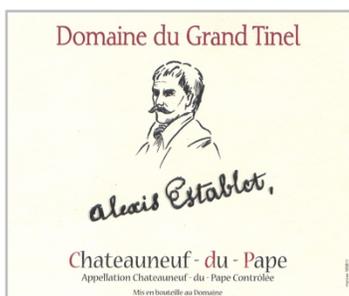


DOMAINE DU GRAND TINEL

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE « Alexis Establet » 2011

Single Vineyard - GPS Lat. 44.091373 / Long. 4.841173



ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

APPELLATION

AOC Châteauneuf-du-Pape

VINEYARD

Single Vineyard-La Gardiole

Latitude: 44.091373

Longitude : 4.841173

100+ year old vines Clay-limestone with *galets roulés* pebbles.

Yield: 15-20 hl/ha

BLEND

100% Grenache

FARMING

Yields are kept incredibly low (15-20 hl/ha)

WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes, destemmed, sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery with a sorting table
Temperature controlled
A portion is vinified in huge oak vats, the rest in stainless steel

AGING

18 months in barrels and demi-muids to soften tannins and gain roundness

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

15.5% Alc. |

Domaine du Grand Tinel's 2011 'Alexis Establet' Châteauneuf-du-Pape is full of kirsch, licorice, spice-box, and garrigue aromatics. The palate is saturated in a full-bodied concentration, and a supple texture. A quintessential example of Grenache.

2011's Rhône Valley vintage can be summarized in two words. Fruit and finesse. The spring was unseasonably warm spring, and then a spring-like summer, and quite frankly an ideal autumn. This perfect canvas of a vintage allowed for the winemakers to fully express themselves and sign each bottle with their own unique signature.

Alexis Establet is a majestic Châteauneuf-du-Pape from 100% Grenache grapes, produced only in exceptional vintages with the help of star consultant Philippe Cambie (named 2010 winemaker of the year by Robert Parker). The 100+ year old vines are planted at the northernmost point of the appellation, in an area known as "La Gardiole," in soils formed from chalky stones and old alluvial deposits, along with the *galets roulés* stones the appellation is famous for. This terroir is reflected in the wine as a combination of the known power of Châteauneuf-du-Pape (a function of the heat retained and reflected by the *galets roulés*) and a harmonious elegance and fresh mineral definition characteristic of the northern sector.

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The Jeune family is a longstanding & well-known dynasty of Châteauneuf-du-Pape who can trace their ancestors back to the 14th century. The marriage of Christiane Establet with Pierre Elie Jeune in the 1960's united the properties of these two venerable families, establishing Domaine du Grand Tinel, one of the largest estates in the appellation. The inspiration for the name Tinel comes from the Latin for "cask". Today, Christophe Jeune and his two sisters, Beatrice and Isabelle, carry on the tradition of producing traditional-style Châteauneuf in a family run affair.

ACCOLADES

2011 Wine Advocate – 91 Points

2011 International Wine Cellar – 90-92 Points

2011 Jeb Dunnuck – 91-93 Points

2011 International Wine Report – 92 Points

"Gorgeously perfumed and fragrant, with sweet kirsch, framboise, licorice, crushed flowers and spice aromas all soaring from the glass. Aged all in foudre, it delivers serious Grenache character with its medium to full-bodied, seamless, textured and yet weightless feel on the palate. Not a heavy weight and most likely on a fast evolutionary track, it's an outstanding bottle of wine to drink over the coming 5-7 years." –I.W.R.

