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Domaine Chante Cigale Background

Owner: Alexandre Favier

Country: France

Region: Rhone Valley

Founded: 1874

Annual Production: 20,000cs

Description: A 55 hectare, 45 parcel family-owned domaine dating to the late 19th century, Chante Cigale is named for the famed cicadas of the region. Today the estate is run by rising Southern Rhone star, Alexandre Favier who is carving a name for himself with deep, rich and concentrated cuvees featuring purity of fruit.

Wine Notes – 2019 Chante Cigale Chateauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

Domaine Chante Cigale's Chateauneuf-du-Pape Tradition is a full-bodied red combining supple, creamy tannins, warm red fruits and spices in a wine of unusual depth and richness. The domaine is one of the few in Chateauneuf with vineyard plantings in all of the appellation's primary soil types and the combination of these diverse terroirs, with 20 distinct parcels providing the fruit for this bottling, produces the cuvee's trademark elegance and complexity. Made to drink beautifully upon release, this wine also possesses enough structure to age and improve for up to a decade and has garnered extensive critical acclaim (including at least 92+ point scores).

JEB DUNNUCK - 92 points (11/3/21)

Antonio Galloni
vinous
explore all things wine - 92 points (10/21)

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, 5% Cinsault
Vineyard Region:	Chateauneuf-du-Pape (village), 20 distinct parcels
Vine Age:	Average 55 years
Production Volume:	5,000 cases / year
Soil Types:	Rolled pebbles, clay, limestone/sand from throughout Chateauneuf
Wine-Making / Vinification:	95% destemmed hand-harvested and sorted grapes, 3-week native yeast fermentation in 100hl concrete tanks, soft extraction – one pump-over every 2 days Aged in 20% new oak barrels (228l) / 80% stainless steel vats to preserve freshness, filtered, released immediately post-aging Under 70mg SO2 for bottling
Alcohol / Volume:	15.5%
Acidity:	2.9 g/l
pH:	3.72
Residual Sugar:	1.5 g/l

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The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape (65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and 5% Cinsault) offers a wonderfully pure, seamless style that carries lots of black cherry and blackberry fruits as well as Provençal garrigue, saddle leather, and peppery spice. Rounded, seamless, and beautifully done, it's a smoking classic Châteauneuf du Pape to enjoy over the coming 10-12 years.

92 points



Deep, glistening ruby. Spice-accented dark berry and cherry on the nose, along with suggestions of garrigue, baking spices and licorice. Juicy black raspberry, bitter cherry and floral pastille flavors show tight focus and become deeper and sweeter with air. The spicy note resonates on a clinging, energetic finish shaped by smooth, well-knit tannins.

92 points (Josh Raynolds)