



Saintes Pierres de Nalys 2016

Châteauneuf-du-Pape

ESTATE

Since their very first vintage bottled under the Guigal name, in 1946, the Guigal family has produced a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The terroirs of Nalys realize a dream spanning three generations to join this leading prestigious and historic appellation. A property of 125 contiguous acres, Nalys is comprised of three spectacular plots within three of the best vineyards in the appellation: the famous "La Crau", Nalys, and "Bois Sénéchal". Already listed in regional land registers at the end of the 16th century, Château de Nalys is one of the oldest properties in the appellation, and begins a new chapter in the hands of Guigal.

WINE

Translated as "holy stones", a play on the soils and history of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the second red wine to Château de Nalys is an altogether different animal. Differing varietal and plot selections, fermentation, and aging result in a wine that is rich and ample, yet offers immense direct and approachable pleasure; a wine of red fruits, supple structure and brightness. In comparison to the Grand Vin, this wine relies both on varieties and plots that bring freshness, and a vinification entirely in stainless steel and foudres that also emphasizes that freshness.

VINEYARD

Location and Soils:

- 33% Nalys: fine, red sandstone and sandy clay, with some limestone and soft sandstone
- 34% La Crau: the famous galets, large round pebbles derived from the Rhone river
- 33% Bois Senechal: slightly smaller galets and sandier, less structured soils than La Crau

Grape Varieties: 69% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, 4% Muscardin, 1% Counoise, 1% Mourvedre Vine

Age: Vines average 45 years of age

Yields: 35 hl/ha

Farming: Vineyards are farmed organically, awaiting certification

WINEMAKING

Fermentation: Manual harvest and sorting followed by vinification in stainless steel lasting around around 4 weeks.

Aging: 8 months in stainless steel and foudres (10%)

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

One of the greatest Southern Rhone vintages of the last decades, ripe and powerful but exquisitely structured and detailed wines.



WINE ADVOCATE

"The "second wine" of Nalys, the 2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Saintes Pierres is a blend of 69% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, 4% Muscardin, and 1% each Counoise and Mourvèdre. It was put together by the Guigal team, although the vinifications took place prior to the acquisition. It's an attractive, full-bodied wine that delivers ripe cherries, a hint of stone fruit and very supple tannins."