CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

APPELLATION D'ORIGINE PROTÉGÉE





VINE

VARIETY

Grenache Noir, Mourvèdre.

Very old gobelet vines on small stakes.





SOIL

Round pebbles from eastern and western Grandes Serres.



FERMENTATION

Natural fermentation, no sulfites added, wild yeast, tronconic tanks, gentle extraction through pigeage.



AGING

8 months in concrete tanks. bottled on a root day to encourage minerality.

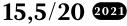


"Freshly poured this is a bit funky, but that blows off quickly in the glass. Quite a radical reinterpretation of ultra-traditional Châteauneuf, this has a lovely freshness that's beautifully integrated on the zesty and well-structured full palate. Long finish with lots of positive energy. Some people will call this wine Crazy Pope because of the eye-popping label. No sulfites added. Vegan. Drink or hold."

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"Dark-chocolate nose. Sweet, ripe red fruits - lavender and spice and a tight core of fruit."





Crazy Pope is the leader of the group. A megalomaniac king, like Freddy Mercury. A defrocked Pope straight out of the asylum. His wine is atomic: an amazing Châteauneuf with lots of fruit that doesn't take itself too seriously.

The purity of the nose is in a category of its own: raspberry all the way. The mouthfeel has an acid frame, rare for a southern wine. Its tempting tannins make it hard not to down the bottle in one fell swoop. The only thing lingering on the palate is the sensation of sinking your teeth into a grape that's just reached the sweet spot of ripeness.

If Crazy Pope were a character, he would be the Joker. But a Joker who's gone to the good side and whose only weapons are his madness, eccentricity, and love of excess.



A WORD FROM THE WINEMAKER

ROMAIN LEROY

