

CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Red 2005

Archives affirm Château La Nerthe's existence as early as 1560, while suggesting an even more distant past dating to the dawn of the region's wine culture in the 12th century. The wine of Château La Nerthe has been renowned since the 18th century. During the same era, its reputation spread across Europe with exports to England, Germany, Italy and Spain. Since then, Château La Nerthe has been a point of reference in the history of the vineyards and wines of France.

The 90 hectares (225 acres) of Château La Nerthe are certified "Organic growing" since 1998 by Ecocert (French organism on organic certification)

The current terroir is thus composed of rocky slopes of clay and sand, rising above the Rhône river. While it is difficult to grow wine in such soils, the rocks do help ripen the berries since they store heat during the day and warm the vines at night. They also allow water to penetrate into the soil, reducing stagnation and disease.



VINES' AGE

40 years (average)

HARVEST

29th August to 22nd September

BLENDING

Grenache 50 %

Syrah 31 %

Mourvèdre 12 %

Cinsault 5 %

Divers 2 %

AGING

42 % in oak barrels

58 % in casks & wooden vat

CELLARING :

Until 15 years

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... The 2005 Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition (55% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and the rest Mourvèdre with a tiny bit of Cinsault and a handful of other grapes) has a deep ruby/purple color, a big, sweet nose of blueberries, crushed strawberries, graphite, and some acacia flower and barrique smells. The wine is fresh, rich, powerful, but vibrant and well-defined. This wine should turn out to be long-lived but approachable in its youth. Anticipated maturity: 2009-2020+....

CHATEAU DE LA NERTHE 2005 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE TRADITION

(90-93)



CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE 2005

Rouge | 2010 à 2018

15/20

Vin coloré, gras, fruits noirs et cacao, gras et long, structure puissante, beaucoup d'alcool.

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Elegant for the vintage; with a silky texture to the raspberry, boysenberry and plum fruit, all layered with sweet spice, mesquite and fruitcake notes, Has a long, supple finish. Drink now through 2020. *J.M.*

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Wine Spectator

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Château La Nerthe 2005

T: 15°C G: 2010-2020



Robe: très belle robe grenat, brillante et concentrée.
Naz: élégant et fin, fin et concentré, mêlant des parfums de poivre et de petits fruits rouges, de réglisse.
Bouche: équilibrée et puissante, toujours sur les épices bien présentes, fraîche et sur le fruit, soutenue par des tanins élégants et fins. Finale d'une longueur magistrale.
Accord mets-vin: une viande noble.
Commentaires: une cuvée rare, magnifique.

Visual aspect: a lovely radiant, concentrated garnet-red colour.
Nose: elegant and delicate, delicious and concentrated, mingling hints of pepper and accents of red fruit and liquorice.
Palate: well balanced and powerful, distinct spicy flavours again, it is fresh and fruity, sustained by elegant, delicate tannin. Excellent length on the finish.
Match with food: a superior cut of meat.
Comment: a stylish, magnificent wine.

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