

2016 Domaine Jean Royer Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

Deep ruby/purple-colored, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape checks in as a mix of 90% Grenache and 5% each of Syrah and Cinsault, aged in a mix of barrels, demi-muids and stainless steel. Kirsch, blackberries, ground pepper, and some loamy, earthy notes all emerge from this powerful yet elegant Grenache that has tons of exuberance and personality. It might be too much for some, but it's a beautiful expression of Grenache.

All of these releases from Jean-Marie Royer focus on Grenache sourced from sandy soils. These are always more lightly colored yet perfumed, intense wines that have classic Grenache characters.

- Jeb Dunnuck (8/28/2018)

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