

## 2015 Clos Saint Jean Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sanctus Sanctorum

Lastly, the 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sanctus Sanctorum is another 2015 that's all about finesse and purity. Coming from a single parcel of very old vines in the La Crau Lieu-dit, it boasts full-bodied richness and depth to go with a kaleidoscope-like bouquet of strawberries, kirsch liqueur, incense and dried earth/loamy soils aromas. It has good acidity, the tannins are present and ripe, and it has a stacked mid-palate, all while just gliding over the palate. Drink this heavenly Grenache anytime over the coming 20 years.

*I've written so many glowing reviews on the wines of Clos Saint Jean I sometimes feel like a broken record. Nevertheless, this estate continues to go from strength to strength and has yet to make a misstep since I've been reviewing the wines. The estate makes five separate red cuvees: a traditional cuvee based largely on Grenache from all the estate parcels; a Vieilles Vignes cuvee that's slightly more Grenache dominated and from older vines (this cuvee is only for the US Market); the Combe des Fous based on Grenache, Syrah and Vaccarèse; the Sanctus Sanctorum which is 100% Grenache all from a single parcel in the la Crau lieu-dit; and lastly the Deus Ex Machina which is a 60/40 split of Grenache and Mourvèdre. Any of the three special cuvees would suffice as a dessert island wine for yours truly.*

- Jeb Dunnuck (10/19/2017)