

# PENANE DU PEGAU CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE BLANC CUVÉE



## **TECHNICAL INFORMATION**

**Country** France

**Region** Rhone

**Sub-Region** Châteauneuf du Pape

Vintage 2017

**Producer** Domaine du Pegau

**Composition** 60% Clairette, 20% Grenache Blanc, 10% Bourboulenc,

10% Roussanne

Press 93 points Wine Advocate

93 points Vinous

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Domaine du Pegau is an estate bottler of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, owned by Paul Féraud and his daughter Laurence. Recognized as one of the top estates in Châteauneuf, its wines are considered among the world's greatest. Though supply is far outweighed by demand, prices remain reasonable for those able to seek out and purchase these wines.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Raised in all stainless steel, it offers classy notes of citrus blossom, white flowers and a hint of minerality to go with a medium-bodied, beautifully balanced and pure style on the palate.

#### **VINEYARD**

• Soil: Various clays, mixed stones, and red clay

#### **VINIFICATION**

The bunches of grapes are carefully hand-picked and there is a strict selection of grapes from the picking basket, tractor and tank. A blend of four white grape varieties, the pressed juice is blended in a stainless steel vat. A selected yeast is added and the fermentation is temperature controlled at 16°C. A minimum quantity of tartric acid and sulphites are added. The wine is then fermented for 8 days before being racked and aged in stainless steel for 4 months. There is no malo-lactic fermentation and the wine is filtered before being bottled.

#### **PRESS**

"A blend of 60% Clairette, 20% Grenache Blanc and 10% each Bourboulenc and Roussanne, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc Cuvee Reservee is the best example of this cuvée I can recall. It's medium to full-bodied, with a lush, creamy mouthfeel and ripe flavors of melon and citrus balanced by hints of anise and lime zest. It finishes with freshness, vibrancy and brightness. I've been deliberately conservative with the aging estimate, as I like wines like this young, but it's capable of aging for a decade or more." - 93 points, Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate



"Pale green-tinged yellow. Heady, mineral-laced pear and melon aromas show outstanding clarity and a sexy floral nuance. Sappy and sharply focused on the palate, offering vibrant orchard fruit and honeydew flavors that are braced and lifted by a bitter citrus pith element. The floral note comes back strong on the finish, which lingers with outstanding, mineral-driven tenacity." - 93 points, Josh Raynolds, Vinous