



FAMILLE PIERRE USSEGLIO

CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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2017 Domaine Pierre Usseglio & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Leading off the wines of this great estate, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is primarily Clairette mixed with small amounts of Grenache Blanc and Bourboulenc, brought up 80% in tank and 20% in older barrels. This fresh, vibrant white gives up lots of salinity as well as notes of crushed citrus, leafy herbs, and an undeniable minerality. Medium-bodied, racy, and vibrant, it's an outstanding white. Drink it over the coming 4-6 years.

When you consider what this estate has accomplished over the past two decades, it's easy to include Domaine Pierre Usseglio as not only one of the top addresses in Châteauneuf-du-Pape but in all of France as well. They have been on a sensational roll since 1998 and have yet to put a foot wrong. And that's apparent with these latest 2016s, which I believe are the best wines ever produced here. In addition to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape releases, the estate makes a fabulous Côtes du Rhône and Lirac, both of which over-deliver.

- Jeb Dunnuck (8/28/2018)

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