

FAMILLE PIERRE USSEGLIO

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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2016 Domaine Pierre Usseglio & Fils Côtes du Rhône

Moving to the reds and brought up all in tank, the 2016 Côtes du Rhône sports a deep ruby color to go with a smoking bouquet of kirsch and blackberry liqueur, spice, and garrigue. Textured, medium to full-bodied, pure and elegant, with fine tannin, it's the quality of many a Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Don't miss this sexy, ripe, yet elegant red.

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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