



# FAMILLE PIERRE USSEGLIO

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

**JEB DUNNUCK 97-99**

## 2017 Domaine Pierre Usseglio & Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée de Mon Aïeul

While there won't be a Reserve des Deux Freres in 2017 due to the miserable yields, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée de Mon Aïeul is a head-turner that's going to vie for one of the wines of the vintage. Coming from three parcels and 100% Grenache that was not destemmed and was brought up in used demi-muids, this killer wine boasts a deep purple color to go with a huge nose of black cherries, blackberries, crushed violets, licorice, and damp earth/forest floor notes. With a rare purity of fruit, full body, building structure, and a great, great finish, it's truly a gorgeous wine.

*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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