



FAMILLE PIERRE USSEGLIO

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2016 Domaine Pierre Usseglio & Fils VDP Panorama

There are roughly 2,000 cases of the 2016 VDP Panorama and it's a deliciously quaffable blend of Marselan, Merlot, Grenache and Syrah brought up all in tank. It gives up lots of red and black fruits, pepper and spice, medium to full-bodied richness, and a ripe, hedonistic style ideal for drinking over the coming 3-4 years.

This estate hasn't missed a beat in the past decade (or more) and their 2015s and 2016s both check-in near the top of the pyramid. It's worth noting that this estate has started including slightly more stems than in the past while pulling back on the new barrels. Nevertheless, this is one estate who's wines handle their oak elevage beautifully. They've also created a new white special cuvee based on Grenache Blanc and Clairette, and it's a terrific wine worth seeking out (although I don't know the price point).

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