

2017 ALAIN JAUME Vacqueyras Grande Garrigue France – Rhône Valley – Vacqueyras AOC

ABOUT VIGNOBLES ALAIN JAUME / DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

Located in the Orange commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Since 1979, the domaine has been run by 5th generation Alain Jaume, who is now helped by his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène. The 225-acre estate covers several AOCs and 13 grape types, and produces wine under four labels: Grand Veneur, Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte & Château Mazane. The Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are certified organic.

ABOUT THE WINE

Vacqueyras was granted AOC status in 1990. Grapes have been grown here, along the banks of the Ouvèze River (a tributary of the Rhône), since the 16th century. The AOC produces 533,000 cases, mostly red wine, from 3,200 acres. The AOC requires a minimum of 50% Grenache. The best parcels are from the Plateau de Garrigues.

"Deep brilliant ruby. Heady, mineral-laced red berry liqueur, spicecake and floral aromas are complemented by suggestions of dusty minerals and succulent herbs. Vibrant, sharply focused raspberry and bitter cherry flavors become deeper and sweeter with air and pick up musky licorice and candied lavender nuances. Shows impressive energy and solid thrust on the impressively long, red-fruit-dominated finish, which is given shape by supple, slow-building tannins. - Josh Raynolds, VINOUS"

RATINGS 92 pts Jeb Dunnuck

92-93 pts VINOUS

| Vintage | 2017 |
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| Appellation | Vacqueyras AOC |
| Varietal(s) | 65% Grenache Noir, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault |
| Vinification | Long soaking on the skins. Aging in concrete vats and 3 years old barrels for 14 months. |
| Soil | Clay and rock |
| ABV | 15% |
| Size | 12/750ml |
| UPC | 7 84585 00314 3 |