HOUSE OF TOWNEND

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'La Crau' 2019, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe



Price	£69.00
Code	VTEL305

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Tasting Notes:

Produced from vineyards located on the stony plateau of La Crau in the south east of the appellation, where the villages of Bédarrides and Courthézon meet. The vines average 60 years of age and the vineyard is the hottest in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. A very hot year, yet despite the vintage starting early, the phenolic ripeness in the grapes was perfect, producing a superb result. Intense, deep garnet in colour, the bouquet is dense, tight and deep with violet aromas, blackcurrant fruit dominance and a touch of oak that adds a smoky dimension. The palate is well structured, elegant, silky and rich with beautifully integrated tannins, liquorice, candy and garrigue. The finish is long, velvety with a hint of sea salt. A wine with great personality.

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Specification	
Vinification	The grapes are handpicked, sorted and partially destemmed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks for between 25 - 35 days. After nine months in concrete tanks, the wine is then aged for 10 months in 60hl oak foudres. It is then bottled, without filtration, after 20 months.
ABV	14.5%
Size	75cl
Drinking Window	Drink from 2025 through to 2039
Country	France
Region	Rhône Valley
Area	Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Type	Red Wine
Grape Mix	65% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault and Clairette
Genres	Fine Wine, Vegan, Vegetarian
Vintage	2019
Body	Hearty, rustic and full flavoured
Producer	Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe
Producer Overview	Vieux Télégraphe is one of the most renowned estates of the Southern Rhône.
Closure Type	Cork
Food Matches	Enjoy with the finest cuts of red meats, lamb and even goat. Good cheese and the smellier the better!
Press Comments	Decanter, April 2022, 91 points: "Dark nose with notes of ripe blackberries, redcurrants and leafy notes. Firm and tight on the palate, full bodied"