



Domaine de Nalys Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Classique Blanc

SOUTHERN RHÔNE (FRANCE)

Nalys is one of Châteauneuf-du-Pape's oldest estates, mentioned as early as the 17th Century in a village land survey. Domaine de Nalys belonged to the Nalys family until the French Revolution, when it was bought by a Châteauneuf-du-Pape family who would tend it for seven generations, ending with Dr. Philippe Dufay who lovingly cared for the estate, growing it substantially between 1955 & 1975. Today Domaine de Nalys' 52 hectare estate is owned by a group of young winegrowers and their investors. Unusually, all of the appellation's thirteen permitted grape varieties are represented in the three terroirs found on the estate, with its oldest vines dating back to the beginning of the century. White wine grapes account for 20% of the estate's crop.

Website: <http://domainedenalys.com>

Grapes: all 6 allowed white varieties are blended in this wine: Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Roussanne, Picpoul & Picardan.

Vinification: Picked by hand. Fermented in stainless steel tanks. No malolactic fermentation to preserve freshness & acidity of the wine.

Alcohol: 13.5%

Appearance: Pale yellow

Nose: Citrus & white flowers

Palate: Fresh & fruity mouthfeel with citrus flavors & lovely mineral notes.

Pairing: smoked fish, steamed shellfish, grilled fish, veal, risotto with asparagus

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Southern Rhône Wine Region of France

Climate: Southern Rhône has a Mediterranean climate characterized by hot summers and mild winters. Le Mistral is also present in this region, helping cool the vines (allowing grapes to retain acidity) and preventing rot.

The Rhône Valley takes its name from the Rhône River which runs South through the region (beginning in the Swiss Alps). The Southern Rhône varies much differently in climate and flavor profile from the Northern Rhône.

The most famous wine appellations from Southern Rhône are: **Châteauneuf-du-Pape**, Beaufort-de-Venise, Côtes-du-Rhône, Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages, Gigondas, and Vacqueyras.

The leading red grape variety in Southern Rhône is Grenache, but most Southern Rhône wines are blends of several varieties of grape including syrah, cinsaut, mourvèdre, and carignan.

Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a "Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages" as well as a Cru Villages (areas noted for higher quality) and the appellation produces bold, powerful red wines with flavors of earth, spice & with good structure, giving them the potential to age well.