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# CHÂTEAU LA NERTHE

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2013

### HISTORY & VINEYARD.

One of Châteauneuf-du-Pape oldest estates. Archives affirm Château La Nerthe exists as early as 1560, while suggesting an even more distant past dating to the dawn of the region's wine culture in the 12th century.

The 225 acres of La Nerthe vineyards are located in two single blocks around the castle. Our terroir is very typical : the vineyards run along a slope, at the top of which the vines dig their roots into soils of sandy-clay, on the surface there is a layer of the famous 'galets roulés': large, round, well-worn stones that originated in the Alps and were carried down to the Rhône by the ice age glaciers. These large pebbles store the heat during the day and release it at night.

### AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES.

40 years

### VINIFICATION.

Our grapes are hand picked, fully ripe just to keep their balance and their full aromatic expression. They are sorted on a table and destemmed. The maceration begins with a phase of cold pre-fermentation of 12 to 24 hours. Then the alcoholic fermentation occurs. The yeasts who ensure the fermentation are wild yeasts coming from our vineyard. The temperature is controlled throughout the fermentation. Pumping overs and punching downs, which intensity is defined by tasting the must everyday are produced during fermentation to ensure the best extraction of the berries compounds. The maceration lasts 18 to 20 days. At the end, the wines are racked into concrete tanks for the malolactic fermentation. When this second fermentation is complete, our cuvée will be racked in our big casks for 12 months of ageing before blending will be done.

### AGEING

53 % in oak barrels for 12 months & 47 % in oak casks

### GRAPES VARIETIES.

Grenache Noir 43%, Syrah 30%, Mourvèdre 22%, Cinsault 5%

### TASTING NOTES.

A superb 2013 with deep garnet color and purple hints. Black cherry, strawberry, red and black fruits in the nose. Expression of cedar, sandalwood, complemented with a touch of balsamic. The palate is soft, smooth, well balanced with freshness. The finish is elegant, round with delicate tannins. This vintage can be enjoyed on its youth for the red fruits, sweet spices and softness but you can also imagine to enjoy this wine in the coming 4-5 years for its depth and richness.

