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CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE CUVÉE LES CADETTES 2015 CHÂTEAU DE LA NERTHE

Archives affirm Château La Nerthe's existence 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 wines of Château La Nerthe has been renowned since the 18th century. During the same era, its reputation spread across Europe with exports to England, Germany, Italy and Spain. Since then, Château La Nerthe has been a point of reference in the history of the vineyards and wines of France.

Grape: 34% Syrah - 32% Grenache - 34% Mourvèdre

Vineyard & Vinification Note:

The current terroir is thus composed of rocky slopes of clay and sand, rising above the Rhône river. While it is difficult to grow wine in such soils, the rocks do help ripen the berries since they store heat during the day and warm the vines at night. They also allow water to penetrate into the soil, reducing stagnation and disease.

VINES' AGE 80 years (average) – some are centenaries
The grapes are hand picked and directly sorted when arriving in the cellar.

The 3 grape varietals are put all together in the same wooden tank where the fermentation takes place. Pumping overs and punching downs are done during fermentation to ensure the best extraction of the berries compounds. The maceration lasts 3 weeks.

The final blending will age for 12 months partly in large wooden casks and partly in new oak barrels.

CELLARING : Until 15 years



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Tasting Note:

This Cuvée is produced only in the best vintages. Expressive nose with notes of incredible youth on sweet spices, black cherries and fermentation aromas. Once again is the freshness, youth and red fruits expression on the palate: notes of fresh grapes are superimposed on those of black fruits. A rich, complex and generous wine with discreet ageing notes, silky and ripe tannins. A delicious wine to keep for great occasions for the next decade.

Wine Spectator Tasting Note:

A ripe, lush style, with warm and inviting plum, fig and boysenberry confiture notes gliding through. Offers a beautiful polished feel, with suave anise and black tea flavors filling in on the finish while the fruit just sails through. Relies primarily on fruit, and you can't blame it for that. Drink now through 2030. 1,050 cases made. **94 Points – James Molesworth, July 2018**

Wine Advocate Tasting Note:

La Nerthe's 2015 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee des Cadettes is a blend of approximately one-third each Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Eighty percent of the wine spent a year in new oak barrels, but much of that has been absorbed into the wine, and I see that my notes don't make reference to overt oak descriptors. Scents of raspberry and spice lead the way, followed by a firm, full-bodied palate. The tannins are present from front to back, but they're ripe and silky, lingering elegantly on the finish. **94 points – Joe Czerwinski, Oct 2017**

Jancis Robinson Tasting Note:

La Crau, Les Escondudes, La Nerthe, Les Rêves. 34% Mourvèdre, 34% Syrah, 32% Grenache. Whole-bunch fermentation at 25 °C in tronconic vats. Aged for 12 months in barriques, 80% new. pH 3.64, TA 3.1 g/l. Tasted blind. Purplish crimson. Black cherry nose. Round and massive. Napa-style Châteauneuf! Big and flattering. Glacé cherries and a long finish with a bit of heat. 14.5% Drink 2023-2030. **17/20. November 2016**

Food pairing:

Enjoy with a wild boar casserole, rack of lamb with thyme juice, duck fillet.