



ANDRÉ BRUNEL LES CAILLOUX Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2016

I've tasted many vintages of the Brunels' wines, and 2016 looks as if it will be their best ever. The 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape stood out in my blind tasting, offering incredible complexity and lightness despite being full-bodied. Roses, garrigue, and dried spices accent raspberries and cherries in a wine that's concentrated and intense yet agile, with nuances galore. It's 70% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, and 5% Cinsault and will have aged 18 months (mainly in concrete) prior to bottling. Let's hope this looks just as good then.

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