

2015 Clos Saint Jean Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Notes of lemon curds, dried herbs, and tons of minerality emerge from the 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, which has plenty of similarities to the 2016, yet without that vintage's density. Fresh, elegant, medium-bodied, and balanced, drink it over the coming decade or more.

The Maurel brothers, along with rock star consultant Philippe Cambie, continue to knock it out of the park in just about every vintage, and since taking over control of the estate in 2002, they've yet to put a foot wrong. Even in the more difficult vintages, they're able to produce charming, balanced, delicious wine, and in top vintages, they produce some of the greatest wines on earth. As I've written in the past, Clos Saint Jean is at the top of their game and producing some of the most singular, hedonistic and brilliant wines in the world. Also, I was able to taste a retrospective of the white Châteauneuf-du-Pape and came away thinking that current vintages might be some of the most under-the-radar, great whites of the appellation.

- Jeb Dunnuck (8/28/2018)

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