

2015 Domaine Jean Royer Châteauneuf-du-Pape Prestige

The 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Prestige checks in as a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Mourvèdre, all from pebble soils, aged in demi-muids and stainless steel. It's another seamless, elegant, yet powerful wine from this team. Blackcurrants, cherries, dried earth and spice all flow to a full-bodied, ripe, hedonistic effort that has moderate tannin and a great finish.

Vigneron Jean-Marie Royer pulls from a number of prime terroirs, most consisting of sandy soils. While 2015 was challenging for the sandier parts of the appellation, he's turned out a bevy of beautiful wines. His 2016s are some of the finest I've tasted from the estate.

- Jeb Dunnuck (10/19/2017)

© 2018 Jeb Dunnuck | Reprinted with Permission