



# Château de Nalys Blanc Grand Vin 2017

## Châteauneuf-du-Pape

### ESTATE

Since their very first vintage bottled under the Guigal name, in 1946, the Guigal family has produced a Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The terroirs of Nalys realize a dream spanning three generations to join this leading prestigious and historic appellation. A property of 125 contiguous acres, Nalys is comprised of three spectacular plots within three of the best vineyards in the appellation: the famous "La Crau", Nalys, and "Bois Sénéchal". Already listed in regional land registers at the end of the 16th century, Château de Nalys is one of the oldest properties in the appellation, and begins a new chapter in the hands of Guigal.

### WINE

Guigal's mastery of growing and producing white wine varieties in the Rhone Valley is exemplified in this wine of immense breadth and power, elegance and expression. Intensely aromatic nose of white flowers, citrus and a touch of vanilla, on the palate the presence is undeniably penetrating, with a deep minerality joining the notes above. Guigal is today the single most important producer by value and volume of white wine in the Rhone, with 25% of their production dedicated to whites. Nalys is 18% planted to whites, very high for the area, and in fact at one point it is believed the estate made the majority of the entire appellation's white wine production.

### VINEYARD

*Location and Soils:*

- 36% Nalys: fine, red sandstone and sandy clay, with some limestone and soft sandstone
- 27% La Crau: the famous galets, large round pebbles derived from the Rhone river
- 37% Bois Senechal: slightly smaller galets and sandier, less structured soils than La Crau

*Grape Varieties:* 43% Roussanne, 33% Grenache Blanc, 15% Clairette, 6% Bourboulenc, 3% Piquepoul

*Age:* Vines average 45 years of age

*Yields:* 22 hl/ha

*Farming:* Vineyards are farmed organically, awaiting certification

### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* Vinification 70% in wood and 30% in stainless steel. around 4 weeks. Aging: 8 months with 70% continuing in wood (barrels, demi-muids)

*Alcohol:* 14.0%

### VINTAGE

A number of pressures throughout the early growing season resulting in extremely low yields, some of the lowest on record in decades. The harvest was also extraordinarily early. Despite these issues, it is without a doubt a top quality vintage, with ample concentration and structure.



### WINE ADVOCATE

"A solid first effort from the new ownership, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Grand Vin Blanc is a blend of 43% Roussanne, 33% Grenache Blanc, 15% Clairette, 6% Bourboulenc and 3% Picpoul. Seventy percent of the blend aged in oak, but I'd say that component is discrete, adding just a hint of pencil shavings and a fine-grained, silky texture. It's full-bodied and succulent, delivering an attractive combination of pineapple and saline notes with understated elegance."