

THE SOUTHERN RHÔNE REGIONAL REPORT OF JEB DUNNUCK : THE ELEGANT AND LIVELY 2015S AND HEAVENLY 2016S



FESTIN D'ARNAUD - ARNAUD'S FEAST - CÔTES DU RHÔNE RED - 91



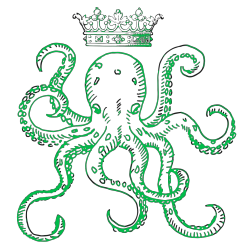
The 2016 Côtes du Rhône Festin d'Arnaud comes from vines in Cairanne and is 50/50 Syrah and Grenache. It's a ripe, plump, sexy 2016 that offers lots of black raspberry, garrigue, pepper, and hints of flowers. Medium-bodied, silky and polished, with a ripe, open style, drink this beauty over the coming 3-5 years.

FESTIN DE REINE - QUEEN'S FEAST - PAYS D'OC WHITE - 89

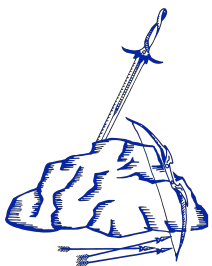
A Marsanne dominated blend (there's 15% Roussanne), the 2016 Pays d'Oc Festin de Reine is clean and fresh, with lots of apple, toasted spice, and hints of minerality. It's nicely balanced, medium-bodied and has excellent acidity and length. Drink it over the coming year or three.

RED - 88

Coming from north of Pézenas (l'Hérault region of the Languedoc) and 100% Syrah, the 2016 Pays d'Oc Festin de Reine is a high pitched, ripe syrah that gives up lots of plum, violets, pepper, and incense aromas. It's fleshy, medium-bodied, rounded and nicely textured on the palate, and is a delicious bistro wine to drink over the coming couple of years.



GUERRIÈRE - SHIELDMAIDEN - CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES STE CÉCILE RED - 91



From vines from near Suze-la-Rousse, the 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages Sainte Cécile Guerrière is another Syrah/Grenache blend that offers a deep purple color to go with notes of violets, peppery spice, crush flowers and blackberry fruit. It's pure, elegant and layered, with silky, fine tannin and great finish. It's another winner.

LADY FARMER - CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RED - 90-92

The 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Lady Farmer is also solid. Made from 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, it's more tannic and structured than the Côtes du Rhône and offers solid notes of black raspberries, crushed rocks, garrigue and pepper. Medium-bodied, fresh, elegant and balanced, it's a delicious 2016 to drink through 2026.



LA FILLE QUI N'AIMAIT PAS LE ROSE. THE GIRL WHO DIDN'T LIKE PINK.