

# ROTEM & MOUNIR SAOUMA

## CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE MAGIS 2020

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, France

### ABOUT ROTEM AND MOUNIR SAOUMA

Burgundy meets the Rhone. An utter respect for tradition, and in some ways a total break. We've watched as Mounir and Rotem Saouma, of Burgundy producer Lucien Le Moine, slowly developed their estate and wines in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, and the results today are too extraordinary and distinct to ignore.

### THE WINE

It makes sense that a producer of great white Burgundy would quickly become enchanted by the possibilities in Pierredon, the heavily limestone-based vineyard in Bedarrides. Only 3% of Châteauneuf is white, and virtually all of it is bottled after six months. Mounir's Châteauneuf is aged 18-24 months and has already been compared to some of the great white Burgundy crus for its depth and minerality.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

**VARIETY:** Grenache Blanc, Clairette, Roussanne, Bourboulenc

**VINEYARD:** Pierredon, with additional plots planted in Courthezon

**WINEMAKING:** Harvest took place in late September under clear skies; the whites are elegant with great length and nobility, their subtlety and freshness enhanced by careful élevage.

**VINTAGE:** 2020 is another excellent vintage for the Rhône Valley. Another dry spring was followed by a moderate summer, this time without the extreme heat spikes of 2019.

**AGING:** 18-24 months, French oak barrel

**ALC. BY VOL:** 15%



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*"Powerful and sleek, this shows a glistening beam of yellow apple wrapped in stylish oak, with tremendous underlying concentration. Modern and very well-executed, with a saline streak, this hums with mineral energy and impressive structure on the seemingly never-ending finish."*

-Kristen Bieler, Wine Spectator

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