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2017 Domaine Chante Cigale Chateauneuf Du Pape

Not yet bottled, the 2017 Châteauneuf Du Pape nevertheless is loaded with potential. Rocking notes of black raspberries, new saddle leather, spring flowers, and ground pepper all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, deep, layered 2017 that has ripe tannins and a great finish. It's going to hit the ground running and drink spectacularly well for 10-15 years. The blend is 65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and the balance Cinsault, brought up in foudre and demi-muids.

This estate continues to work its way up the hierarchy in Châteauneuf du Pape and today are fashioning some of the most exciting wines in the appellation. While no 2018s reds were submitted, both 2017s showed brilliantly.

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