

FAMILLE PIERRE USSEGLIO

CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

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2017 Domaine Pierre Usseglio & Fils Vin de France L'Unique

The 2017 Vin de France L'Unique is a mix of the Vin de France and Côtes du Rhône bottlings. It offers a rocksolid bouquet of black cherries, spice, leafy herbs, pepper, and earth. Medium-bodied, deep, nicely concentrated, textured, and with ample character, it has loads to love and is a total charmer.

When you consider what this estate has accomplished over the past two decades, it's easy to include Domaine Pierre Usseglio as not only one of the top addresses in Châteauneuf-du-Pape but in all of France as well. They have been on a sensational roll since 1998 and have yet to put a foot wrong. And that's apparent with these latest 2016s, which I believe are the best wines ever produced here. In addition to the Châteauneuf-du-Pape releases, the estate makes a fabulous Côtes du Rhône and Lirac, both of which over-deliver.

- Jeb Dunnuck (8/28/2018)

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