

## 2017 Domaine du CLOS de SIXTE Lirac Rouge

France - Rhône Valley - Lirac AOC

## ABOUT VIGNOBLES ALAIN JAUME

Located in the Orange commune of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. Since 1979, the domaine has been run by 5<sup>th</sup> generation Alain Jaume, who is now helped by his children Christophe, Sébastien, and Hélène. The 225-acre estate covers several AOCs and 13 grape types, and produces wine under four labels: Grand Veneur, Alain Jaume, Domaine du Clos de Sixte & Château Mazane. The Grand Veneur and Clos de Sixte vineyards are certified organic.

## **ABOUT THE WINE**

Lirac was granted AOC status in 1947. It measures 715 hectares with an annual production around 255,000 cases. Lirac is divided into four communes: Lirac and Roquemaure, which have plateaux of well-drained limestone, and Saint Laurent des Arbes and Saint-Géniès-de Comolas, whose ancient soils are alluvial with quartz like CDP, but with a bit more sand and rock.

"The Lirac from this estate is the 2017 Lirac Clos de Sixte. It's another deep purple-colored effort offering powerful notes of ripe black cherries, melted licorice, violets, and pepper. Full-bodied, forward, ripe, and flamboyantly styled, it's packed with fruit and texture. Drink it over the coming 4-6 years."

- Jeb Dunnuck

## **RATINGS**

92 pts Jeb Dunnuck 90-92 pts Wine Advocate

| Appellation  | Lirac AOC  |
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| Varietal(s)  | 50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre   |
| Vinification | 70% of the wine was aged in concrete vats while the remaining 30% were aged in French oak barrels for 16 months. |
| Farming      | Organic  |
| ABV          | 15%  |
| Size         | 12/750ml / 6/1.5L  |
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