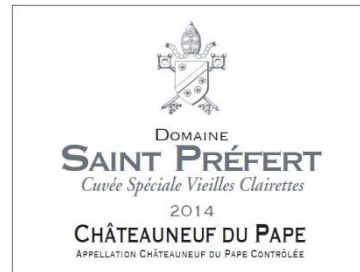
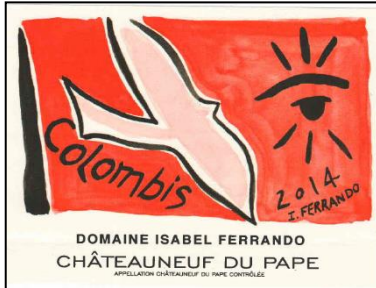


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Vintage	Wine Name	Rating
2017	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc	91
2017	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc Cuvée Spéciale	(94 - 96)
2016	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape	94
2016	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc	92
2016	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc Cuvée Spéciale	(94 - 96)
2016	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Collection Charles Giraud	99
2016	Domaine Saint-Préfert - Châteauneuf du Pape Réserve Auguste Favier	97
2016	Domaine Isabel Ferrando - Châteauneuf du Pape "Colombis"	98

"The energetic Isabel Ferrando, while positive about the 2016s in the bottle, was also enthusiastic about the 2017s in barrel. "Seventeen is a fantastic vintage. '16 is a monster, '17 is a dancer. And in your life, which do you prefer?" she asked. Unfortunately, many of the 2017s were still fermenting in June when I visited. I did taste a fantastic Cinsault destined for the Auguste Favier, which showed incredible complexity and silkiness, and a demi-muid of Grenache boasting great tea and rose-like aromas, but given the late-running fermentations, I felt it was premature to rate or review any of the 2017 reds. Fortunately, the 2016s were singing from bottle. "I believe in using stems," Ferrando said. "It gives a sensation of freshness and menthol." Like other winemakers in the region, Ferrando has taken to Stockinger as a supplier of oak for maturation, claiming that the Austrian cooperage results in more freshness and tension in the wines. If you're a fan of 100% Grenache wines, don't miss her Domaine Ferrando 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Colombis, which she makes at Domaine Saint-Préfert, but which is reviewed under its own heading.

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