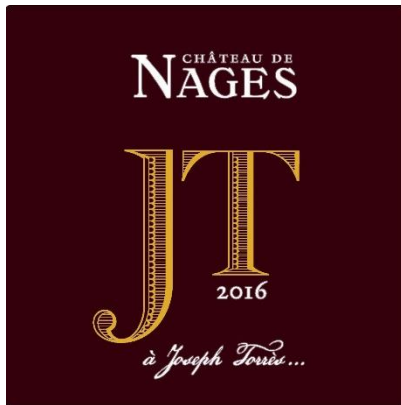


## CHÂTEAU DE NAGES – CUVÉE JT– RED – 2016



*Dedicated to our visionary great grandfather, this cuvee of northern Rhône character is from our very best parcels of Syrah lifted by a touch of Mourvèdre.*

*2016 vintage is the greatest vintage I've ever seen in 23 years of making wine. Naturally moderate yields, a warm and dry growing season with exceptionally cool nights produced fresh, concentrated and wonderfully balanced grapes.*

**Terroir:** « Grès », rolled pebbles from the Rhône over red clay rich in iron – AOP Costières de Nîmes – Certified Organic

**Varietals:** 93% Syrah & 7% Mourvèdre

### Vinification:

- certified organic farming with particular attention to soil health
- at veraison, manual pass to remove lateral shoots and “grapillons” (2nd generation grape clusters)
- manual harvest with sorting
- 2/3 whole cluster and 1/3 whole berries without adding SO<sub>2</sub>
- cold pre-fermentation maceration for 5 days
- native yeast fermentation at 24°C and a warm maceration (28°C) for 20 days to round off tannins
- aging in French oak of half of the volume and in cement tank of the rest for 12 months
- blending and bottling without filtration (deposits probable)

### Tasting notes:

- *Appearance* : a deep, almost black, garnet
- *Nose* : complex bouquet of dark berry fruit with accents of violet, pepper and smoke
- *Taste*: medium body with velvety tanins. The long finish lingers with spices, mineral notes and freshness.

### Accolades:

91 pts – Andrew Jefford - Decanter  
 91 pts – Robert Parker's Wine Advocate  
 92 pts – Jeb Dunnuck  
 15,5/20 – Bettane & Desseauve

**Aging potential:** enjoy now or cellar for 10 to 12 years.

**Food & Wine Pairing:** decant one hour before serving at 65°F (16- 18°C)

cheeses	meats	garden	herbs	method	sauces
parmesan	lamb	mushroom	cumin	stew	4 spices
cheddar	beef	celery root	star anise	roast	wine
hard sheep	game	fennel	rosemary	braised	tomato

