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VIGNOBLES MAYARD

2011 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Calvaire	Red	90
2011 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine du Grand Coulet	Red	90
2010 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Père Pape	Red	92
2010 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau de ma Mère La Crau	Red	93

This family run estate, managed by Françoise Roumieux, her Sister Béatrice, and Brother Didier, consists of 40 different parcels spread through the AOC. Their entry level effort is the Clos du Calvaire, with the top cuvee being the La Crau de ma Mère La Crau. They deserve serious attention as both their 2010s and 2011s are superb. Website: www.vignobles-mayard.fr
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2011 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Calvaire (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$NA

The estate's entry level wine and made from a concrete tank aged blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault, the 2011 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Calvaire is a solid 2011 that has plenty of texture and richness. Offering up notions of currants, rolled stones, licorice, and roasted garrigue, it is medium+ bodied, balanced, and has a seamless, almost gulpable profile. Soft and already approachable, it should nevertheless drink nicely for 7-8 years. **(90 pts.)**

2011 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine du Grand Coulet (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$NA

Similarly styled, with a voluptuous, medium to full-bodied texture, low acidity, and beautiful purity of fruit, the 2011 Domaine du Grand Coulet has plenty of blackberry, wild strawberry, licorice, and roasted herb aromas and flavors all emerging from the glass. As with the Clos du Calvaire, it is ready to go and already delicious. Enjoy bottles over the coming 5-8 years. **(90 pts.)**

2010 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Père Pape (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$NA

Very rich and meaty, with high ripeness, the 2010 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Père Pape – a blend of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, and Mourvedre – offers up knockout aromatics of black currants, melted licorice, roasted herbs, and salted beef, it is full-bodied, mouth filling, and decadent. Showing no hard edges, serious amounts of fruit, and blockbuster texture, this hedonistic fruit bomb will deliver the goods over the coming 7-8 years, possibly longer. **(92 pts.)**

2010 Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau de ma Mère La Crau (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$45

A blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, and 10% Syrah that comes from a selection of old vines in the famed la Crau lieu-dit, the 2010 La Crau de ma Mère La Crau (aged all in neutral foudres and cement tank) offers up a gorgeous array of kirsch, spice-box, ground pepper, and dried Provençal herbs to go with a medium to full-bodied, pure, and layered palate feel. Finesse driven and elegant, yet with beautiful fruit, solid concentration, and ripe tannin on the finish, it is loaded with southern Rhône flair and a complete joy to drink. Benefiting from a decant, it will be even better in another year or three, and have over a decade of prime drinking. **(93 pts.)**