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Côtes du Rhône



DEGUSTATION
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VIGNOBLES MAYARD

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos du Calvaire red

70-80% Grenache (1940s-2000, av age 40 yrs), 10-20% Syrah, 10% Cinsault (both early 1980s), often vinified separately, destemmed, 18-25 day vinification at 25-30°C, cap punching at first, pumping overs, aged 80-100% concrete vat, 0-20% large 65 hl barrels 12-18 months, unfinned, filtered, 13-40,000 b

2011 ★★*(★)

dark robe. Sweet-coated, blackberry, cherry aroma that is straightforward and open. It comes with licorice, meat stock, pebble stone airs. The palate starts on tasty blackberry fruit – you want to drink this, is very much a 2011 pleasure wine, with light salty late notes bringing cut. It has savoury late stages. A w.o.w. wine that works well as an early wine which, more than many already bottled, holds Châteauneuf-du-Pape features. A jolly drop. From mid-2013 to refine the finish's dusty tannins. 14.5°. 2020-21 Dec 2012

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine du Père Pape La Crau de Ma Mère red

from 2004 65-70% Grenache (av age 80 yrs), 20% Mourvèdre (1997), 10-15% Syrah (1980), until 2003 was 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, destemmed, 25-30 day vinification at 25-30°C, cap punching at first, pum ping overs, Grenache, Syrah aged new large barrels 12, then vat 6 months, Mourvèdre aged 3-4-year old 228-litre oak casks 12 months, then vat 6 months, unfinned, filtered, 12-25,000 b

2011 ★★*(★)

(casks) dark plum red. Stewed raspberry-plum aroma, good filling in it, promising depth. This is a varied nose with sweet herbs present, thyme and mocha. This is a Grenache-centric wine with a fluid fruit, a touch of vegetal, a dash of tannin and late herbs, garrigue dust. It is all orderly, while a menthol, aniseed note on the end serves its clarity well. Good terroir in this. A little drawn in on itself. Grenache juice revives on the finish. From mid-2014. 2023-26 Dec 2012

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine du Père Pape red

65-70% Grenache (1960s), 15-20% Syrah, 5-10% Cinsault (both early 1980s), 0-5% Mourvèdre, often vinified separately, destemmed, 25-30 day vinification at 25-30°C, destemmed, cap punching at first, pumping overs, aged 0-33% vat, 67-100% mix new, used large 45-65 hl barrels 12-18 months, unfinned, filtered, 15-20,000 b

2011 ★★★

(casks) dark red; 2 bottles tasted: I find Brett in the 1st. 2nd bottle: floral, iris top note on the bouquet, blackberry jam the principal feature, also licorice. Quite stylish, supple black fruit lead the palate, with a fine collection of tannins, a suggestion of power, then a dark, tar sign-off. Chunky, not overdone wine with a grainy finish. From late 2014. 2023-25 Dec 2012

Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau de Ma Mère white

40% Grenache blanc (mid-1960s), 20-30% Roussanne, 10-20% Bourboulenc, 20-30% Clairette (mid-1960s), varieties fermented apart, since 2007 fermented, raised new 228 & 600-litre, some 2 -year-old 300-litre oak casks 7 months, (before was 60% vat fermented at 12-18°C, 40% new oak cask fermented), lees stirred, malo blocked, 3-3,800 b

2011 ★★★(★)

(bottling in 2 months, April 2012) pale yellow; zesty, fresh, lateral aroma that comes with hints of pear, cooked white fruits, buttercup flowers. Attractive gras richness that is supple and welcoming on the palate, is trimmed with light spicing. Elegant wine, its length is secure and it provides bonny drinking. 2018-19 Feb 2012