

**2012 Vignobles Mayard
Chateauneuf du Pape Clos du
Calvaire**

Made from 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Clos du Calvaire comes from younger vines and is aged all in concrete. Easy drinking and up-front, with a fruit-loaded personality, medium-bodied richness, and pretty aromas and flavors of strawberry, cherry and crushed flowers, it should be consumed over the coming 4-5 years. Drink now-2018.

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**2012 Vignobles Mayard
Chateauneuf du Pape la Crau de
la Mere**

The most muscular and structured of the lineup, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape La Crau de Ma Mere is knockout stuff. Made from 60% Grenache, 30% Mourvedre and 10% Syrah, all from La Crau and aged almost all in foudre, it boasts terrific aromatics of black raspberry, raspberry, crushed flowers and licorice to go with a medium to full-bodied, concentrated and structured profile on the palate. With superb purity of fruit and masses of fine tannin, it will need a year, or three, to come around, but should have 12-15 years or more of longevity. Drink 2015-2027.

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**2012 Vignobles Mayard
Chateauneuf du Pape Pere Pape**

Richer, and with additional depth and complexity, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Domaine du Pere Pape is comprised of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 15% Cinsault and the balance Mourvedre. Aged 15-18 months in foudre, it's a gorgeous effort that has impressive notes of ground pepper, dark fruit and mineral to go with a medium to full-bodied, textured and surprisingly structured profile on the palate. There's solid potential here and it should have a broad drink window. Drink 2014-2024.

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