

This low-profile, superb, organically run Chateauneuf du Pape estate has long been owned by the Chastan family, who has about 35 acres of vines, all located in the northernmost sector of the appellation in two highly respected lieux-dits, Palestor and Cabrieres.

2009 WHITE CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RATING: **88** Maturity : 2010 - 2012
 The 2009 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc is a delicious dry white made of equal parts Grenache, Clairette, Bourboulenc, Roussanne and Picpoul aged in tank for 3-5 months prior to bottling. It reveals copious nectarine, orange marmalade and honeyed citrus characteristics in a medium-bodied, crisp, fresh, lovely style. Consume it over the next 1-2 years.

A new luxury cuvee, the **2006 RED CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE "Terre d'Abel"** RATING: **91**
 It is a powerful, concentrated, surprisingly backward, muscular offering displaying a dense plum/garnet/purple colour as well as a heady nose of incense, liquorice, tobacco leaf, black cherries, and black currants. Super-rich, concentrated, and full-bodied with moderately high, but sweet, well-integrated tannins.

2008 RED CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RATING: **88** Maturity : 2010 - 2016
 Another very good 2008 Châteauneuf du Pape possesses a dark plum/garnet colour in addition to an attractive perfume of seaweed, liquorice, black currants and kirsch. Tasty, elegant and mid-weight with silky tannins, it should drink nicely for 5-6 years.

2009 RED CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE RATING: **91** Maturity : 2011 - 2031
 The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape (65% Grenache and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsault) is a beauty. Aged completely in foudre, it reveals classic Provencal notes of garrigue, red and black currants, pepper and black cherries. Full-bodied, luscious and supple textured with silky tannins and low acidity, it should drink well for a decade.



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CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE RED 2009 NOTE: **16** Drink 2014-2020
 Dark ruby. Heady black cherry aromas. Sweet start and very charming with well managed tannins - there in abundance ! Just a little drying on the end. And again, a slight whole in the middle.

CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE WHITE 2009 NOTE: **15,5** Drink 2010-2011
 Very pale. Racy. Quite delicate. But not that much actual flavour...



By Josh Reynolds

2009 RED CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE NOTE: **89**
 Vivid purple. Lively aromas of black raspberry, flowers, white pepper and spice cake. Energetic, bright and sweet, displaying good spicy lift to flavours of red berry preserves, rose and mocha. Open-knit and very easy to drink, with good clarity and silkiness on the finish.

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Châteauneuf du Pape White 2009 NOTE: **91**
 This delicious white Chateauneuf du Pape is a blend of 35% Grenache Banc, 30% Clairette, 15% Bourboulenc, 15% Roussanne, and 5% Picpoul. Light straw in color, it offers aromas of light melon and fennel with mineral notes. It has a rich creamy mouth feel with fresh crisp acidity and a persistent finish. A fantastic food wine to pair with roast chicken or veal.

Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Red 2010 NOTE: **87+**
 This Côtes-du-Rhône Villages is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah from 35-year old vines. Fermented in concrete vats, the wine offers dark red berry fruit aromas with rustic and earth notes on the nose. On the palate it provides spicy and concentrated red and black fruit with good balance and a long dry earthy finish.