

2006 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine

A big step up over the classic cuvee, the 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine is still inky ruby colored and loaded with darker fruits, garrigue, cured meats and tapenade-like aromas and flavors. Made from 55% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre that was aged in a combination of small barrels and foudre, it's full-bodied, concentrated and has terrific purity of fruit, all of which allow it to drink nicely today; nevertheless, it's a only at the early stages of maturity and will have two decades of overall longevity.

- **Jeb Dunnuck (January, 2016)**

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CUVÉE DU VATICAN
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sixtine
Réserve 2006

This is dark and reticent for now, but also pure and loaded with a big core of plum and blackberry fruit, mocha, graphite, licorice and fig cake notes. The long, velvety finish just sails along, with latent grip in reserve. Best from 2009 through 2028. 1,580 cases made. (Nov 15, 2008)

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Rhone, Rhone

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Inky purple. Seductively perfumed red and dark berry aromas are complemented by vanillin oak, fresh lavender and cola. Cherry-vanilla flavors show excellent depth and focus, with silky tannins adding grip. Fleshes out on the sweet, very long finish. Extremely promising.

Josh Reynolds, January 2008

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Deep and showing a slight touch of oak, the 2006 Cuvée du Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve Sixtine shows smoky dark fruit, earth, spice and meaty notes that lead into a full bodied, dense wine. Rich and tannic, this is a candidate for hiding in the cellar for 5+ years. (91 pts.)