

2007 Cuvée du Vatican Châteauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine

I loved the 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Réserve Sixtine, and this is probably the finest example of this cuvée since the 2003. Made from 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah and the rest Mourvèdre, destemmed and aged in a mix of foudre, old barrels and small amounts of new barrels, it offers terrific purity in its black raspberry and cassis fruits, melted licorice and cured meat aromas and flavors. With full-bodied richness, beautiful mid-palate density and no hard edges, it's a joy to drink today but will certainly keep for another decade or more.

- **Jeb Dunnuck (January, 2017)**

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CUVÉE DU VATICAN
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sixtine
Réserve 2007

Lush and inviting, with crushed plum, currant and blackberry fruit flavors laid over velvety tannins. The long, graphite- and licorice-filled finish glides along beautifully, with solid grip in reserve. Best from 2010 through 2024. 1,500 cases made. (Oct 15, 2009)

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Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Vivid ruby. Powerful, ripe scents of red and dark berry compote, cola, licorice and fruitcake. Broad, sweet dark berry flavors show a distinctly warm, liqueur-like personality but betray no rough edges. This has put on considerable weight since last year and displays the warm side of this vintage. The finish is creamy, sweet and very long, with echoes of cassis and mulberry. For its size and volume I find it surprisingly lively.

Josh Reynolds, January 2010

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RESERVE SIXTINE - CUVÉE DU VATICAN 2007

lors de l'édition 2009 de la compétition

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Producer: Jean Marc Diffonty



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The 2007 Cuvée du Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve Sixtine is much more feminine than previous vintages with bright, perfumed and nuanced aromatics of black cherries, spice, licorice and raw meat that lead into a stunningly smooth, silky palate. Full bodied and perfectly balanced, this has a mouth filling yet precise texture, fresh acidity and a long finish where the wine shows more structure and ripe tannin. This is a stunning wine that should drink beautifully over the next 15+ years. (95 pts.)