

2010 Chateau Sixtine Chateauneuf du Pape

The 2010 Chateau Sixtine Chateauneuf du Pape performed exquisitely and, again, was one of the top wines of the vintage. With better integration of the new oak than I have previously seen from Jean-Marc Diffonty, this wine's opaque ruby/purple color possesses lots of licorice, asphalt, graphite, blackberry and kirsch notes as well as hints of lavender, forest floor and garrigue. This opulent, full-bodied effort is approachable, but it will not hit its full stride for another 2-4 years. It should drink well for 15-20 years thereafter. This is one of Chateauneuf du Pape's ancient estates (the recorded history dates back to 1673), long owned by the Diffonty family (presently by Jean-Marc). Their first Chateauneuf du Pape was sold under the estate name in 1902. Jean-Marc is an innovative visionary and when he took over for his father, he invested heavily in temperature-controlled stainless steel and...

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (October, 2012)

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Sixtine 2010

A dark, brawny style, with roasted apple wood and dark espresso framing the currant paste, blackberry pâte de fruit, melted black licorice and bittersweet cocoa notes. There's lots of muscle on the finish, but also lovely flickers of violet and pastis for nuance. Needs time to unwind fully. Best from 2015 through 2030. 1,500 cases made. (Oct 15, 2012)

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vinous 92-94 pts

Cuvée du Vatican 2010 Chateauneuf-du-Pape Reserve Sixtine

Rhone, Rhone
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Glass-staining ruby. An explosively perfumed bouquet evokes dark berry preserves, incense, licorice and candied flowers. Stains the palate with sweet, pliant blackberry and cassis flavors. Closes on a sappy note, with resonating spiciness and lingering dark berry qualities. Note the name change from "Reserve Sixtine" to "Chateau Sixtine" that will take place as of the 2010 vintage.

Josh Reynolds, January 2012

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Tasting Category: Châteauneuf du Pape AOP - 2010

Producer: Chateau Sixtine



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CHATEAU SIXTINE 2010 94 Pts
Sweet jammy black raspberries, flowers, smoke, spice and black pepper scents, this lush, sexy, rich, forward style of Châteauneuf du Pape is already delicious.

CUVÉE DU VATICAN 2010 92 Pts
Earthy, forest floor, kirsch, animal and smoked meat aromas get you interested in the wine. Soft, round and chewy, the wine ends with ripe, black cherries.



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CUVEE DU VATICAN
SARL VIGNOBLES DIFFONTY

a obtenu la médaille d'OR
Pour son vin AOC. CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

CHATEAU SIXTINE 2010

lors de l'édition 2012 de la compétition
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