

Cuvée du Vatican 2010 Chateauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Reserve Sixtine**Rhone, Rhone**

White wine from France

Drinking window:

Bright gold. Explosive aromas of poached pear, passion fruit, vanilla and mace, with slow-building florality and a hint of tarragon. Broad, palate-coating orchard and pit fruit flavors show impressive depth and energy, with no rough edges. This very extroverted white wine finishes with excellent power and lingering sweetness.

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A ripe, toasty, slightly nutty style, with enticing butter, toasted brioche, warm pound cake, lemon cream and heather notes all gliding through the showy finish. Perhaps a bit overt for some, but this has depth and length. Drink now. 180 cases made. (May 31, 2012)

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