

1998 Cuvée du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape

The 1998 Chateauneuf du Pape offers a complex nose of cherry liqueur intermixed with smoke, pepper, and spice. It is medium to full-bodied, with excellent power and harmony among its diverse elements. Although closed, there is a sense of weight and intensity in the mouth. Quasi-traditional in style, the fruit is fresh and the wine sweet. Anticipated maturity: 2003-2016. Importer: Mervyn Hecht Wines, Santa Monica, CA; tel. (408) 685-1148, and Wines of France, Mountainside, NJ; tel. (908) 654-6173

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90 pts

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Rhone, Rhone

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Good full red with a hint of development at the rim. Roasted redcurrant, strawberry, mocha, coffee and smoke on the nose. Silky, full and lush; conveys an impression of rather low acidity. But clearly richer and deeper than the '99 version. Finishes with very good length and mounting, chewy tannins. A rather unrefined style of Chateauneuf but with no shortage of material.

Stephen Tanzer, January 2001

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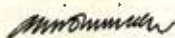
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