

**2000 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine**

The firm, broodingly backward, structured, powerful 2000 Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine is atypical for this vintage. Its saturated purple color, firm tannin, full body, and long, concentrated finish suggest it will age well for 15-20 years. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2020. Importers: Alain Junguenet, Wines of France, Mountainside, NJ; tel. (908) 654-6173 and Mervyn Hecht Wines, Santa Monica, CA; tel. (408) 685-1148

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89 pts

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Rhone, Rhone

Red wine from France

**Drinking window:**

Bright ruby-red. Superripe aromas of cherry and raspberry liqueur, roasted herbs, chocolate and nut skin. Fat and dense but not especially sweet; a rather pronounced oakiness, including a whiff of old barrel, slightly dries the wine's fruit. A bit more sappy than the basic bottling. Finishes with huge tannins that reach the front teeth. A rather untamed style of Chateauneuf, just short of over the top.

Stephen Tanzer, January 2003

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**CUVÉE DU VATICAN**  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sixtine  
Réserve 2000

Sleek and classy, this dark-colored, modern, medium-bodied, well-made Châteauneuf delivers pure and clean fruit, firm but polished tannins and a sense of elegance despite the massive structure. With time, it should come around, as there seems to be enough ripe black fruit. Best from 2005 through 2010. 1,873 cases made. (Nov 30, 2002)

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