

2009 Cuvée du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape

From the bottle, the 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape has lived up to its pre-bottle form. Composed of 70% Grenache, 25% Syrah and the rest Mourvedre, Cinsault and other varietals, it exhibits a dark ruby/plum color along with plenty of juicy, succulent, cassis and kirsch liqueur notes intertwined with hints of licorice, incense and underbrush. This full-bodied, sexy, lush offering also reveals a note of nori, the seaweed wrap used in sushi restaurants.

Consume this 2009 over the next 10-12 years. These are two very strong vintages from the Diffonty family (among the oldest estate bottlers in the appellation). The 2010s may be one of the finest vintages the Diffonty family has yet made. Importer: Alain Junguenet, Wines of France, Mountainside, NJ; tel. (908) 654-6173

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (October, 2011)

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91 pts

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Rhone, Rhone  
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Ruby-red. Smoky cherry and red berry aromas, with hints of licorice and spice in the background. Spicy and focused on entry, then deeper in the mid-palate, offering juicy redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors with a touch of succulent herbs. The smoky note comes back on the pungent finish, which is taut, brisk and very persistent.

Josh Reynolds, January 2012

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CUVÉE DU VATICAN  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2009

Very pretty, with a focused beam of cassis, black cherry and blackberry fruit laced with anise and black tea. A perfumy edge lends some length to the finish. Drink now through 2015. (Sep 30, 2011)

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2009  
Cuvée du Vatican Rouge

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Chateauneuf du Pape

Verkostet am 07. September 2011

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Cuvée du Vatican,  
Châteauneuf du Pape, Rhône 2009

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DÉPOSITAIRE: SARL Vignobles Diffonty cuvée du Vatican  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape (84)

PERSON: appellation d'origine contrôlée  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2009  
Cuvée Du Vatican



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Cuvée Du Vatican  
2009  
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