

2013 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve De L'Abbe

A terrific effort in the vintage, and one that gives up more fruit and texture than most, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape Reserve de l'Abbe offers lots of black raspberry, bouquet garni and ample pepper in a medium-bodied, pure, elegant style that will drink nicely for 5-6 years. It should represent a solid value.

- Jeb Dunnuck (October, 2015)

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Cuvée du Vatican 2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve de l'Abbé

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône

Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2019 - 2026

Dark ruby. Ripe cherry and dark berries on the deeply perfumed nose. Pliant, gently sweet and open-knit, offering sappy blackberry and bitter cherry flavors energized by a hint of cracked pepper. Floral and woodsmoke notes emerge slowly on the persistent finish, which features harmonious tannins and a suggestion of vanilla.

Josh Raynolds. Tasting date: February 2016

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Tasting Report: 2013-2014

CHÂTEAU SIXTINE Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée du Vatican' 2013

The 2013 Cuvée du Vatican immediately opens with an earthy character followed by notes of blackberry and plum woven together with spices and hint of leather. On the palate this possesses a lovely soft velvety texture while remaining nicely balanced. This picks up momentum on the finish where flavors of dark fruits and spices and chocolate continue to linger. Accessible today but allow it another few years for it to show its best. (Best 2016-2024) - October, 2015 (JD)

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BY JEFF LEVE on September 7, 2015

CUVÉE DU VATICAN 2013 87 Pts

Medium bodied, forward, correct red berry dominated wine for uncomplicated drinking.