



2009 Les Halos de Jupiter Chateauneuf du Pape

A Grenache Dry Red Table wine from Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

Review by Robert Parker

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Rating: (88-90)

Drink 2010 - 2025

Cost:

The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape is a smaller cuvee (150 cases) produced from over 100-year-old Grenache vines located in La Crau (it has a darker label without the word -Biodynamie- included). Exhibiting attractive finesse and elegance as well as a Burgundian-like style, it offers up aromas of forest floor, red and black currants, sweet cherries, camphor and loamy soil. This full-bodied Chateauneuf should drink well for 10-15 years. (Not yet released) This project, which features the brilliant winemaking skills of Philippe Cambie working with the proprietor of Chateau de Nages, Michel Gassier, is essentially a negociant operation dedicated to the highest quality wines. Most of the vineyards are organically farmed and some are biodynamically farmed. With all of these cuvees, Cambie follows his typical practice of aging all the Grenache in tank, usually cement if available, or stainless steel. The Syrah and Mourvedre are kept in 600-liter demi-muids. There are two cuvees of Chateauneuf du Pape from the northern and north-eastern part of the appellation. Importers: A Daniel Johnnes Selection, imported by Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (323) 222-2003
