



2008 Vignobles Jean Royer Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige

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 Rating: 88
 Drink 2010 - 2015
 Cost: \$56

The 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige cuts a slightly broader swath across the palate, and reveals more kirsch liqueur notes, excellent purity, depth, and suppleness as well as an up-front, precocious style. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years. Jean-Marie Royer is an under-the-radar producer who consistently fashions beautiful wines dominated by Grenache and largely aged in cement tanks with about 20% aged in barriques and foudres. The traditional cuvee is typically a blend of 73% Grenache and 27% Syrah. Importers: Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (323) 222-2003; Free Run LLC, Seattle, WA; no telephone available; Bertin Henri Selections, Doral, FL; tel. (305) 392-6995, and Fine Vines LLC, Melrose Park, IL; tel. (708) 343-6702

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The 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige ratchets up the level of concentration and richness. It is one of the finest 2008s I tasted while visiting the appellation for two weeks in late August and early September. (Not yet released) This small estate (just over 12 acres) is run by the Royer family, who can trace its origins in Chateauneuf du Pape back to the 1800's. However, they have only been estate bottling their wines since the mid-eighties. As the following notes indicate, these are very high quality, artisanal wines made with assistance from consultant Philippe Cambie. All of the vineyards are located in the southern sectors of Chateauneuf du Pape known as Bois de la Ville and Les Grandes Serres, the latter being one of the sources for the superb wines from Isabel Ferrando's St.-Prefert Chateauneuf du Papes. Both the 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape and 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige are good efforts for this vintage. Importer: Bertin Henri Selections, Doral, FL; tel. (305) 392-6995 or (888) 392-6995.