



2012 Vignobles Jean Royer Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige

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Drink 2014 - 2022
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Kicking off the 2012s, the Châteauneuf du Pape Prestige, which is 95% Grenache and 5% Syrah, has beautiful kirsch, strawberry, dried flowers and licorice aromas and flavors, medium to full-bodied richness, and an elegant, seamless feel. This is a hedonistic, yet balanced and graceful Châteauneuf to drink over the coming 7-8 years. An estate that continues to ratchet up the quality level, Domaine Jean Royer is run by the gregarious and talented Jean-Marie Royer, with help from the ever-present oenologist, Philippe Cambie. These wines excel for the sweet fruit, silky textures and overall seamless, balanced profile. I suspect they'll age reasonably well, but they drink beautifully in their youth. Importer(s): Bertin Henri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172 , (305) 392-6995+Importer(s): Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199+Importer(s): Free Run, LLC, Seattle, WA, (206) 669-9757+Importer(s): Fine Vines, LLC, Melrose Park, IL, (708) 343-6702, www.finevines.com

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Similar to the 2011, with a touch more dark berry fruit and toast, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Prestige (95% Grenache aged two-thirds in barrel and one-third in tank) is medium to full-bodied, sweetly fruited and has an elegant, seamless profile as well as knockout length on the finish. It should have a couple more years of drinkability over the traditional cuvee. Drink 2014-2023. This tiny estate is run by the talented Jean-Marie Royer, with consulting help from Philippe Cambie. The estate covers 10

acres, primarily in the southern part of the appellation, and the wines are Grenache-dominated, with transparent colors, perfumed aromatics and silky textures. They're gorgeous efforts well worth tracking down. 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 Importer(s): Bertin Henri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172 , (305) 392-6995+Importer(s): Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199+Importer(s): Free Run, LLC, Seattle, WA, (206) 669-9757+Importer(s): Fine Vines, LLC, Melrose Park, IL, (708) 343-6702, www.finevines.com
