

**vinous****92** pts**Clos Saint-Jean 2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes****Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône****Red wine from France****Drinking window: 2020 - 2027**

Vivid ruby-red. Deeper in pitch and darker in character than the non-V.V. bottling, displaying intense black raspberry and blueberry aromas and flavors accompanied by hints of licorice and candied lavender. Shows very good concentration and energy, picking up a suave spicecake nuance with aeration. Lingers with excellent tenacity, building sweetness and smooth tannins that fold smoothly into the juicy fruit.

**Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: February 2016**

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**Clos Saint Jean**

Brothers Vincent and Pascal Maurel opted not to bottle a La Combe des Fous or Deus ex Machina from 2013 and 2014 because of the short Grenache crop in both vintages. The fruit that would normally make up those bottlings went into their two "basic" wines, much to their benefit.

**Grape/Blend**

75% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, Vaccareze and Mourvèdre

**Release price**

\$50.00