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The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Tradition, which is usually over 90% Grenache and the rest small dollops of Syrah and Mourvedre aged primarily in tank, displays the classic medium ruby color, with copious quantities of kirsch and heady alcohol in the seductive, lush, forward style of this vintage. The tannins are completely resolved and the wine, which is already drinking exceptionally well, should continue to do so for 5-7 years. Vignobles Jean-Marie Royer is a very small estate of just over 12 acres, located in the southwestern sector of the appellation, not far from St.-Prefert, with their holdings in the two best known sectors of that area, Bois de la Ville and Les Grandes Serres. 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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