

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Enters the 21st Century

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91 pts

Domaine de la Janasse 2014
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
White wine from France

Drinking window: 2018 - 2022

Pale gold. Intense pit fruit and orchard fruit scents on the expansive, mineral-accented nose. Juicy and seamless in texture, offering concentrated nectarine, orange and melon flavors given spicy bite by a gingery element that adds back-end cut. The sappy, penetrating finish clings with strong tenacity and a suave, building floral quality.

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93 pts

Domaine de la Janasse 2013
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Prestige

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
White wine from France

Drinking window: 2017 - 2026

Bright yellow. Deep-pitched orchard fruit and pit fruit scents are lifted and sharpened by suggestions of chalky minerals, white flowers and iodine. Round and seamless on the palate, offering intense nectarine and pear flavors and hints of tangerine and brioche. Picks up a smoky note with air and finishes impressively long and broad, with resonating spiciness and excellent clarity. I'll bet that this complex wine would be an interesting ringer in a thicket of Meursaults.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Reds: The Flamboyant 2014s and the Structured 2013s

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Deep ruby. Expressive spice- and mineral-accented aromas of black raspberry, cherry-cola and candied licorice carry a suave floral overtone. Sappy, penetrating red and blue fruit and lavender pastille flavors show excellent depth and clarity, and zesty acidity provides support and lift. Supple, building tannins give shape and grip to the impressively long finish, which features sexy floral character and a repeating mineral flourish.

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Domaine de la Janasse 2014
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Limpid ruby. Intense, highly perfumed blue fruit and floral pastille aromas are complemented by suggestions of allspice and licorice. Silky and focused on the palate, offering concentrated boysenberry and cherry flavors that take a darker turn as the wine opens up. Finishes impressively long, displaying lingering berry and floral nuances, gentle tannins and a touch of smoky minerals.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Bright ruby. Intensely perfumed aromas of fresh red and blue fruits, potpourri and incense gain vivacity from a smoky mineral nuance. Offers deeply concentrated blueberry, black raspberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors, while suggestions of candied licorice and white pepper emerge on the back half. Finishes on a suave, alluringly sweet note of red fruit liqueur, featuring slowly emerging tannins and outstanding vivacity and focus.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2019 - 2025

Vivid ruby. Deep-pitched red and blue fruit scents are complicated by hints of pungent flowers, peppery spices and cola. Broad and fleshy on the palate, offering sweet boysenberry and black raspberry flavors and a touch of white pepper that adds back-end spiciness. Tightens up slowly on the gently tannic finish, which clings with outstanding persistence and resonating spiciness.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône
Red wine from France

Drinking window: 2020 - 2027

Bright ruby-red. Vibrant, mineral-tinged red berry and floral pastille aromas pick up note of garrigue and incense with air and show excellent clarity. Sappy, incisive and lively on the palate, offering sweet black raspberry, cherry and lavender flavors and a spicy touch of white pepper. The mineral and floral notes echo strongly on the impressively persistent finish, which is framed by silky, harmonious tannins.

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