




LA CÔTE DE L'ANGE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape


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(92-94)
points
Drink: 2015-2027

**2012 Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange
Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvee Vieilles Vignes**


Coming from the oldest vines of the estate and a serious blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Mourvedre that's aged all in oak tanks, the 2012 Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes dishes out smoking notes of pepper, plum, fennel, cedar and garrigue to go with a medium to full-bodied, gorgeously textured mouthfeel. Concentrated, rich and yet with the freshness and purity of the vintage, it should be reasonably approachable early in its life, yet evolve for 15 years or more. Drink 2015-2027.

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90
points
Drink: 2013-2018

2012 Domaine de la Côte de l'Ange Cotes du Rhone

Always a great Cotes du Rhone, the 2012 is no exception. A blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah and the balance other permitted varieties, it screams Southern Rhone on the nose with sweet kirsch, saddle leather, garrigue and ground herbs. Medium-bodied, supple and hard to resist, with a quaffable feel, it should be purchased by the case and consumed over the coming 3-4 years. Drink now-2018.

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