

Châteauneuf-du-pape 2011

Wine advocate

92 - A wine I missed getting into the first southern Rhone report (Issue 215), the 2011 Chateauneuf du Pape showed brilliantly from bottle. Loaded with Provençal character, it has tons of garrigue, licorice, ground pepper and sweet dark fruit, full-bodied richness and a sexy, seamless profile. I don't think it will be the longest lived Chateauneuf du Pape out there, but it will dish out plenty of pleasure over the coming 7-8 years at least.

89-92 points Tasted out of barrel, the 2011 Chateauneuf du Pape is also a super effort in the vintage. Coming from a different terroir in 2011 (not La Crau), it offers up plenty of dusty soil, ground pepper and leather that's grounded by a solid core of darker berry fruit. Medium to full-bodied, with beautiful mid-palate density and depth, this pure, very well put-together 2011 will have upward of 8-10 years of longevity. Drink 2014-2021.