

Good Day! - The big tasting many have been waiting for! Southern Rhone 2007 the vintage of a lifetime!

- **Where: Santiam Wine Co 1930 Commercial St -Salem, Oregon**
- **When: Friday, November 20th**
- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Cost: \$23 for the first five wines**
- **Add: \$7 for the super pour (optional)**
- **Total \$30 Total**

The following is from Robert M. Parker Jr. Website:

"Last year, after tasting the 2007 southern Rhônes, especially the top wines from Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Côtes du Rhône, and the most hallowed appellation of the south, Châteauneuf du Pape, I stated it was „the vintage of a lifetime.% I also suggested it was a hypothetical blend of a very hot yet opulent, powerful, sumptuous year such as 1990 and a cooler, drought and Mistral-affected vintage such as 2001. Tasting the 2007s out of bottle has confirmed my thoughts ^ this is a truly historic and profoundly great vintage. As the following tasting notes and commentary suggest, this may be the most compelling vintage of any viticultural region I have ever tasted. I say that because the quality of a vintage is not only measured by what the reference point estates produce, but also by how well the generic appellations fare. I have never tasted better Côtes du Rhône, Gigondas, or sumptuous, rich, complex Vacqueyras than the 2007s. Moreover, the profoundly concentrated, vividly aromatic, and remarkably fresh, yet substantial, full-bodied, and flawless 2007 Châteauneuf du Papes I tasted in the southern Rhône in late August and September were unforgettable."

2007 Domaine LA Milliere Cotes Du Rhone \$17.

This reliable Chateauneuf du Pape producer has also fashioned two very fine cuvees of Cotes du Rhone. Both are admirable efforts displaying loads of red and black fruit, spice box, earth, and pepper notes. Sexy and seductive, they deliver all that wines from this category should. In fact, they over-deliver. Both are sleepers of the vintage. Enjoy them over the next 2-3 years. **89 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Domaine Boisson Cotes du Rhone Villages Cairanne Domaine Cros de Romet \$18.

Under the Alain Boisson moniker comes the 2007 Cotes du Rhone-Villages Cairanne Cros de Romet, a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. It boasts a dense ruby/purple color as well as aromas of spring flowers, blueberries, raspberries, kirsch, cedar, and Provencal herbs. This wine combines extravagant levels of fruit with compelling earthiness and spice. The result is a wine with incredibly complex, explosive aromatics, and stunning fruit and richness, all presented in a full-bodied, flawlessly constructed style. Drink it over the next 7-8 years. **90 Robert Parker**

2007 Chateau de Saint Cosme Gigondas \$46.00

The 2007 Gigondas possesses a dense purple color in addition to a stunning bouquet of charcoal, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, acacia flowers, and a hint of chalk. Full-bodied with terrific fruit intensity, a layered texture, gorgeous freshness, and acids that provide a well-defined personality to this blockbuster Gigondas. Despite its size, substance, and depth, the overall impression is one of sublime elegance and purity. Enjoy it over the next 10-12 years. **93 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Chateau Fortia Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Baron \$38.50

Medium red. Alluring bouquet of fresh red berries, kirsch, minerals and rose. Elegant, delineated red fruit flavors are firm by tangy minerals and framed by dusty tannins. Becomes spicier on the focused, long finish. This will age on its balance. **91-94 points Stephen Tanzer**

2007 Clos des Brusquieres Chateauneuf du Pape \$40.

Saturated ruby. Rich red and dark berry liqueur aromas are complicated by white pepper, garrigue and smoky minerals. Refreshing, delineated raspberry and black cherry flavors show impressive depth without excess weight, thanks to fresh mineral snap on the back. There's a pinot noir-like elegance and purity to this wine that's quite alluring. **91-94 points Stephen Tanzer**

Same Wine: The outstanding 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape exhibits a darker, plum/garnet/ruby hue as well as an evolved, but complex bouquet of kirsch liqueur, lavender, new saddle leather, spice box, and garrigue. It is an unadorned, pure wine with the kirsch/black cherry liqueur character following through across the attack, mid-palate, and finish. Quasi-rustic tannins kick in at the finish, but there is more than sufficient substance to stand up to the wine's structure. Nevertheless, I recommend 1-2 years of bottle age, and consumption over the following 12-15 years. **90+ Robert Parker**

2007 Le Vieux Donjon Chateauneuf du Pape \$65.

Inky ruby. Strikingly elegant, hypnotic bouquet of black raspberry, redcurrant, potpourri, garrigue and minerals. Stains the palate with deep red and dark berry flavors and suggestions of smoky minerals, candied flowers and Asian spices. Impeccably balanced wine with a seductive finishing interplay of sweetness, power and precision. This will be a must buy for Rhone freaks. **93-96 points Stephen Tanzer**

Same Wine: "The 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape (75% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, and 5% other authorized varieties) was aged completely in foudre. Its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a reticent, but burgeoning bouquet of black cherries, plums, black currants, garrigue, lavender, and licorice. One can sense the weight, power, and richness in the mouth, but the tannins are there, and the wine also has very good acids. Consequently, patience will be required, and this is one 2007 where 2-3 years of bottle age is warranted. The wine is capable of lasting 15-20+ years. This pure, deep, full-bodied 2007 is the finest Chateauneuf du Pape Vieux Donjon has made since their sensational 1998 and 1990. **95 Points Robert Parker**

I hope to see you here!

Cheers!

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