

Good Day! Friday night at Santiam Wine Company we are tasting Châteauneuf-du-Pape!

Always a favorite tasting around here and tonight I'm bringing in an expert! Earl Cramer Brown from C & G importing. He can answer all our questions and tell us about each estate. Also, we have special pricing for you tonight...15% off on any six wines in tonight's tasting (If you can write a check I would sure appreciate it... the credit card company's are eating my money! Not so yummy!!! LOL)

When: Friday, September 30th

- **Time: 4-7 PM**
- **Cost: \$24 for the first 4 wines 1/2 pour \$14.**
- **Super Pour: \$7. Optional**
- **Full meal deal \$31.**

THE WINES:

2009 Cuvee du Vatican Tradition Chateauneuf du Pape \$40.

The 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape (70% Grenache, 25% Syrah, and the rest Mourvedre, Cinsault and other grapes) was given the same upbringing as the 2008. Its dark ruby/plum color is followed by sweet aromas of raspberries, black cherries, forest floor and Provencal herbs. Attractive and soft with light to moderate tannin as well as medium to full body, it should drink nicely for 10-12 years. **Wine Advocate (92) Pts.**

2009 Clos des Brusquières- Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$40.

Vivid ruby. Aromas of raspberry compote, smoke and potpourri, enlivened by a strong suggestion of cannabis. Densely packed but penetrating, with a firm spine of acidity adding lift and clarity to its sweet red fruit and floral pastille flavors. Seamless and pliant, accented by lovely lingering spiciness and sneaky tannins. I really like this style. **-Stephen Tanzer 91-93 Rating**

2009 Pierre Usseglio "Tradition" Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$55.

"The 2009 Chateauneuf-du-Pape (80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre and 5% Cinsault) is another top-notch effort. The wine is aged in tank (60%), foudre (30%) and 1- to 4-year-old small barrels (10%). Sweet raspberry, black currant, and cherry fruit intermixed with licorice, lavender and tobacco leaf jump from the glass of this perfumed 2009. With outstanding ripeness, a plush, evolved mouthfeel and sweet tannins, this beauty is already complex and delicious. It should age well for 7-8 years." 92 points Robert Parker:

2009 Bosquet des Papes Chateauneuf-du-Pape Tradition \$50.

75% Grenache with Mourvedre, Syrah, Vaccaresse, Cunoise, Cinsault. De-stemmed, aged in large barrel, 550 liter casks and vat.) The "regular" cuvee from Bosquet des Papes is a consistently great value in a traditional style, and soft enough to drink young. "Quite dark, bright and full red. Welcoming, shapely red fruit aroma - immediate appeal, comes with a little smokiness, ash. Really good palate, tasty start, runs with a consistent flow, strawberry jam in the flavor. Fresh and clear at the end, very faithful to it's place a wine of terroir, good balance. Drink from spring 2012 to 2023-2025." 93 pts

Super Pour: 2009 Le Vieux Donjon Châteauneuf-du-Pape \$70

"Bright violet. Deep aromas of cherry, black raspberry, garrigue and earth. Broad, spicy and sweet, with a velvety texture and lush dark berry and lavender pastille flavors. Finishes sappy and sweet, featuring fine-grained tannins and excellent thrust. This alluring wine looks like it will be approachable young." (Mar/Apr 11) 93 points Stephen Tanzer

Thank you,

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