

"I always find Charvin's wines closest to those of Chateau Rayas, although the Charvin wines are slightly more concentrated."

Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate



Domaine Charvin

(Certified Organic)

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Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Laurent Charvin runs this small family estate located in the north of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The domaine has vineyard holdings of just 8 hectares in Chateauneuf-du-Pape and 13 hectares in Cotes du Rhone. The average age of the vineyards is over 50 years old with the oldest being nearly 80 years of age. Laurent Charvin describes his vineyard site as being 'cool' for Chateauneuf as their vines are mostly planted on sandy north facing slopes.



Charvin produces finely styled Grenache based wines showing great depth and finesse (approximately 80% Grenache for each wine with small amounts of Vacaresse and Mourvedre as well as small amounts of Carignan and Bourboulenc for the Cotes du Rhone). Winemaking is traditional with no de-stemming and all ageing is done in cement tanks. No wood is used for the elevage of either wine. There are no secrets here, simply old vines, very low yields and minimal winemaking intervention. The Cotes du Rhone is regularly rated as one of the very best from this vast appellation.

2013 Domaine Charvin Cotes du Rhone le Poutet - 750ml

"The 2013 Côtes du Rhône le Poutet should be a rock-solid effort. Giving up tons of exotic pepper, spice and crunchy dark fruits, it's medium-bodied, clean and crisp, with the bright acidity of the vintage. It should drink nicely on release, yet evolve gracefully for a decade or more. Located in the northwest part of the appellation, with vines in Cabrieres, Maucoil, and l'Arnesque (limestone soils), Laurent Charvin makes one of the most elegant and seamless Châteauneuf du Papes out there. Opting to produce a single cuvee, the winemaking here is staunchly traditional, with no destemming and fermentation and aging occurring all in concrete tanks. The wines never see a touch of oak whatsoever. In addition to his Châteauneuf du Pape, don't miss his Côtes du Rhône. It gives you a touch of the Charvin character for less buck, and can age for over a decade." Robert Parker - The Wine Advocate Oct 2014

2013 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape

"Brilliant violet color. Fresh redcurrant and cherry on the seductively perfumed nose, with a smoky mineral quality adding lift and focus. Concentrated cherry, raspberry and lavender pastille flavors display very good vivacity thanks to juicy acidity. Aeration brings up deeper black raspberry and licorice notes that carry through a strikingly persistent, focused, youthfully tannic finish. (92-94)" Vinous Media April 2015

2012 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape

"Bright ruby. Explosive red and dark berry scents are complicated by suggestions of fresh flowers, Asian spices and smoky minerals. Sweet and seamless on the palate, offering intense black raspberry and rose pastille flavors that put on weight with air. Gentle tannins sneak in slowly and fold smoothly into the wine's sweet fruit on the strikingly long spicy, floral finish. 95" Vinous Media April 2015

2011 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape

Made from 85% grenache, 10% syrah and 5% carignan, all raised in concrete: *"Brilliant ruby-red. Complex, seductive bouquet of raspberry and cherry preserves, pungent herbs and fresh lavender. Juicy, penetrating and pure, with superb clarity and lift to its sweet red fruit flavors. Silky tannins give shape to the finish, which clings with outstanding tenacity and resonating florality. I find this elegant Chateauneuf extremely easy to drink now but it has the depth and balance to reward at least another six years of patience. 93pts" Vinous Media January 2014*



"Charvin may indeed produce the Richebourg of Chateauneuf du Pape."

Robert Parker