

# Vintage and Vine

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## Domaine La Barroche (organic)

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*"The first great vintage produced by Barrot was 2005, and he has continued with a remarkable succession of riveting wines. One of the world's greatest red wines is his 300 or so cases of Pure that come from a lieu-dit called Grand Pierre next to the famed Chateau Rayas."* Robert Parkers The Wine Advocate #203 Oct 2012

Whilst this small estate is relatively new to estate bottling, its first estate bottling in 2003, the Barrot family that owns 12.5 hectares of Chateauneuf-du-Pape that have been established in the village since about 1400. Up until 2003 the Barrots had been selling their harvest to the likes of Guigal and Chapoutier and the fruit, particularly a century old parcel up near Rayas, was up with the best that Chateauneuf had to offer.

Julien Barrot, like his father and Grandfather, is very passionate about his terroir and his vines. Most of the vineyards are in the north and north-east sectors of the appellation. The superb vineyards that they own is unusually varied - with fine sand in the 'Grand Pierre' vineyard (next to Rayas) producing elegant, velvety Grenache. Ochre coloured stones in 'Les Cerises' giving full bodied, powerful Cinsault. 100yr old vine Grenache planted in 'Palestor' in a combination of sand and clay on a north facing slope gives racy fine acidity in this cooler area.

### 2012 Domaine la Barroche 'Signature'

Signature is a blend of 65% 100 year old Grenache, 16% Mourvèdre, 13% Syrah and 5% Cinsault and 1% other varieties. Winemaking involves 100% de-stemming and very gently extraction of the fruit with pumping over, rack and return, and stirring of the lees in under-ground cement vats. The Mourvèdre and Syrah are aged on its lees in 2-3 year old Burgundy barrels, the Grenache in traditional large old foudre with the Cinsault in stainless steel.

*"The 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Signature (same blend and elevage as the 2011) is medium-bodied, elegant and focused, with sweet black raspberry, candied flowers and spice aromas and flavors. It should gain a smidge more weight once bottled and have 10-12 years of longevity. Drink 2015-2024. These awesome wines are made by the young, yet incredibly talented, Julien Barrot. Now producing just two cuvees from his 32 acres of sandy soils, he first took over the winemaking in 2002 and has since produced one spectacular vintage after another (don't miss his 2010s!). The winemaking here is very traditional with some stem inclusion and aging all in tank and very old foudre. The wines typically show rich, voluptuous, yet elegant profiles and are relatively accessible in their youth, yet also age gracefully. (90-92)"* Robert Parker #209 Oct 2013

### 2012 Domaine la Barroche 'Pure'

97% Grenache (and 3% others) sourced from the sandy plots of "Grand Pierre" at the junction of "Rayas" and "Pointu", planted in 1901. All fruit is hand harvested and then goes through a meticulous double sorting process. The wine gently macerates at low temperatures for 4 weeks and is then aged in a 3,500L old French foudre for 15 months before bottling unfined.

*"Always showing lighter and more elegant from barrel, this cuvee gains a fair bit of weight and richness once bottled. The 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Pure (97% Grenache and 3% other permitted varieties, from 100+-year-old-vines located in the Grand Pierre lieu-dit near Rayas) is a finesse-driven, seamless and voluptuously textured effort that gives up notions of dried cherries, rose petal, sweet licorice and ground pepper. More minerality emerges with time in the glass and this fantastic barrel sample never puts a foot wrong. It should benefit from a handful of years in cellar once released and have 12-15 years or more of total longevity. Drink 2015-2027. (94-96)".* Robert Parker #209 Oct '13

