

“Pure’ is as close to a great vintage of Rayas as one will find” R.Parker



Domaine La Barroche (Julien Barrot) Chateauneuf du Pape (Organic)

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Whilst this small estate is relatively new to estate bottling (first vintage 2003) in the list of producers of Chateauneuf, the Barrot family that owns these 12.5 hectares of

Chateauneuf-du-Pape have been established in the village since about 1400.

The average age of the vines at La Barroche is 60 years old and one third of the vineyards are more than 100 years old (Grenache). Most of the vineyards of the estate are located in the north and north-east of the appellation with just a few plots located close to the town of Chateauneuf-du-Pape on the southern side. Vinification here is classic with cement tanks used for fermentation and a mixture of cement and large foudres used for elevage of the Grenache based components and smaller oak used for the ageing of Syrah and Mourvedre based components. In the cellar all grapes are de-stemmed and the wine is moved by gravity and done according to the lunar calendar and weather patterns and bottled with minimal SO₂. The wines of La Barroche are modern in the best sense, clean, pure and brilliant.



2014 Chateauneuf-du-Pape “Signature”

65% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre, 10% Syrah, 5% Cinsault and Vaccaresse. De-stemmed, macerated on skins for more than 4 weeks and fermented in cement. The Grenache is then aged in large foudres and blended with the other varieties before bottling without fining or filtering.

“The 2014 Chateauneuf du Pape Signature offers lots of kirsch and black cherry nuances with more background notes of scorched earth, creamy licorice and spring flowers. Hitting 15% natural alcohol it has fabulous density on the palate, medium to full bodied richness, sweet tannin and good acidity. It’s a rockin’ effort in this difficult vintage.” (91-93) points Jeb Dunnuck #221 Oct 2015

2014 Chateauneuf-du-Pape “Pure”

97% Grenache + 3% other varieties from a single plot of vines planted 1901 in sandy soil at the junction of Grand Pierre, Rayas and Pointu vineyards.

“Bright violet. Highly fragrant raspberry, boysenberry, floral pastille and Asian spice scents show excellent clarity and pick up a smoky mineral quality with air. Deeply concentrated but shockingly lithe red and dark berry flavors reach every corner of the palate and show no rough edges. Candied lavender and spicecake qualities emerge on an impressively long, focused and subtly tannic finish that emphatically echoes the blue fruit note. (93-95).” Vinous Media April 2016

2013 Chateauneuf-du-Pape “Signature”

“Deep ruby. Displays powerful spice and mineral-accented aromas of black raspberry and boysenberry, along with suggestions of white pepper and lavender pastilles. Stains the palate with intense, spice-tinged red and blue fruit flavours, deftly marrying power and finesse. Finishes sweet, smoky and extremely long, with resonating minerality and a lingering blueberry note. Quite rich for an entry-level Châteauneuf, but then again, this bottling does benefit from a good dose of fruit normally destined for the Pure bottling. 92.” Vinous Media April 2016

2010 Chateauneuf-du-Pape “Signature” 1.5LT

“Opaque purple. An intensely perfumed nose offers a bouquet of dark fruit preserves, cherry-cola and cassis, with exotic floral and spice notes. Pliant raspberry and cherry flavors possess superb depth and alluring sweetness, with juicy acidity adding lift. Becomes spicier with air and finishes with outstanding power, breadth and smooth, harmonious tannins. Wonderfully rich and energetic.” Vinous Media January 2013