

“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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Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Laurent Charvin runs this small family estate located in the north of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The domaine has vineyard holdings of just 8 hectares in Châteauneuf-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 describes his vineyard site as being ‘cool’ for Châteauneuf as their vines are mostly planted on sandy north facing slopes.



Charvin produces very pure Grenache based wines showing great perfume depth and finesse

(about 85% Grenache for each wine with about 5% each of Vacarosse, Syrah 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 élevage 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.



2015 Domaine Charvin Cotes du Rhone le Poutet - 750ml + 1500ml

Whole bunch 15-20 day fermentation, daily pumping overs, press wine added, concrete vat raised 17-18 months, fined, unfiltered.

“Brilliant ruby-red. A complex bouquet evokes fresh red berries, potpourri and smoky minerals, and an intriguing suggestion of blood orange emerges as the wine opens up. Juicy and precise, offering sweet raspberry and lavender pastille flavors underscored by a suggestion of peppery spices. The mineral quality comes back strong on the finish, which features silky tannins and impressive persistence. This bottling always outperforms its humble origins and that’s especially the case in this vintage. 91” Vinous Media June 2016

2015 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf du Pape

Average age of vines about 60 y.o. in sandy north-facing soil in north-west of appellation. Vinified 100% whole-bunch, all raised in concrete tanks.

“Lurid ruby-red. Sexy, highly perfumed raspberry, boysenberry and floral pastille scents are complemented by hints of musky rhubarb and Asian spices. Palate-staining sweet red and blue fruit and spicecake flavors show power as well as superb vivacity thanks to a spine of juicy acidity. The floral quality comes back emphatically on a strikingly long, sappy finish shaped by smooth, slow-mounting tannins. This might be the finest wine to emerge from this estate that I have ever tasted, and I’ve had some pretty amazing ones over the years. (94-96) pts” Vinous Media March 2017

2014 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf du Pape

“Brilliant ruby-red. Powerful raspberry, floral pastille and Asian spice aromas show outstanding clarity and vivacity. Energetic flavors of red fruit preserves and lavender are given spine and definition by zesty minerality. The floral and red fruit notes carry strongly through a clinging, sharply focused finish framed by smooth, slow-building tannins. This wine is shaping up to be a classic Charvin rendition of Châteauneuf, displaying abundant upfront fruit along with the depth and balance to ensure a long, graceful evolution. (94-95)” Vinous Media April 2016

2013 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf du Pape

“Assertively perfumed aromas of red berry preserves, Asian spices and potpourri develop a vibrant mineral quality in the glass. Fresh and sharply focused on the palate, offering concentrated black raspberry and lavender pastille flavors that show outstanding clarity and power. Closes sweet, spicy and extremely long, with sneaky tannins adding shape and grip. There’s an almost Vosne-like elegance to this wine that I find compelling. 93” Vinous Media

“..the most elegant, highly perfumed and pure wines of the appellation.” Vinous Media