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REVIEW**

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“VENDANGE” BLANC 2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PÂPE

Based largely on Grenache Blanc, the 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape Vendange Blanc is medium gold-hued with juicy apple and citrus-driven fruit as well as sappy flower and mint-like nuances. It's beautifully balanced, medium-bodied, has good acidity, and outstanding length. It's going to have 3-5 years of longevity and is one classy effort.

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“VENDANGE” ROUGE 2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PÂPE

The 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape Vendange is perhaps slightly more classic, with a more rounded, sexy style in its mulled red and black fruit, garrigue, and peppery notes. I like its overall balance, and it has velvety tannins and outstanding length. It's going to have some early accessibility yet also evolve gracefully

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“CAPELAN” ROUGE 2021 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PÂPE

A big, powerful wine based on 80% Grenache and the rest Syrah and Mourvèdre, the 2020 Châteauneuf Du Pape Côtes Capelan sports a deep purple hue to go with ample, ripe darker fruits, smoked meats, spicy oak, and ground pepper. With notable purity, a juicy, medium to full-bodied style, and fine tannins, it's a touch gangly at the moment (the 2020 vintage wasn't a vintage that handled oak very well), yet this certainly has potential. Give bottles another 2-4 years and it should evolve gracefully through 2035.

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“CAPELAN” ROUGE 2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PÂPE

A more powerful wine, the 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape Côtes Capelan is based on 80% Grenache and equal parts Syrah and Mourvèdre. Deep ruby/purple-hued, with lively black (and some blue) fruit, sappy flowers, spicy wood, and graphite, it's medium to full-bodied, with lots of mid-palate depth, integrated acidity, and outstanding. This incredibly young, primordial 2022 is going to need 4-6 years of bottle age but should certainly see its 20th birthday in fine form.

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“LE RIF” 2022 VACQUEYRAS

The 2022 Vacqueyras Le Rif checks in 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and the balance Mourvèdre. It's a concentrated, richer 2022 offering lots of red and black fruit, medium to full body, a round, layered, expansive mouthfeel, plenty of tannins, and some classic peppery, garrigue-like aromatics, with just a hint of background oak.

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“LE RIF” 2021 VACQUEYRAS

A blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Mourvèdre that saw a portion aged in barrels, the 2021 Vacqueyras Le Rif reveals a vivid purple hue to go with a great bouquet of red and black fruits, spice, and Provençal garrigue. Medium to full-bodied, nicely concentrated, and balanced, it's unquestionably up with the top wines in the vintage and, quite frankly, is shockingly good.

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“JUGUNDA” 2022 GIGONDAS

The opaque ruby/plum-hued 2022 Gigondas Jugunda is 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah (partially destemmed). It's a powerful, structured barrel sample with lots of darker plum and blackberry-like fruit as well as notes of graphite, pepper, and crushed stone. It's clearly outstanding, but I think the cellar will be your friend on this one. Give bottles 2-4 years to soften and develop more complexity, and it should keep through 2037.

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“LE PONNANT” 2020 CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES

A full-bodied red, with black currants and macerated plum colliding with black licorice, clove and baking spices. Shows base notes of singed iron and charred apple wood, while a flash of acidity and firm tannins guide the finish. Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2028.

KRISTEN BIELER - SEPT 2023

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“VENDANGE” 2020 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Fresh and vibrant, this is made in an energetic style, exploding with a burst of blackberry and mulled cherry dusted in pepper. Reveals plum cake spices and shaved iron midpalate, making for a racy finish that’s gently encased by chalky tannins. Lovely. Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre. Drink now through 2030

KRISTEN BIELER - SEPT 2023

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“JUGUNDA” 2022 GIGONDAS

Dark in the glass, with expressive black fruits on the nose. Full-bodied, powerful and concentrated, the tannins are big, bold and muscular, they'll need time to settle down. But this will be good when it's ready, in a distinctly chunky, intense style for the vintage.

MATT WALLS - SEPT 2023

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“VENDANGE” 2022 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

A powerful, bold and punchy style, this is very similar to this producer's cuvée Capelan, with juicy succulent tannins and plenty of concentrated black fruits. The tannins are really quite chewy and muscular, so give it time. 30% aged in new oak barrels, the rest in concrete tanks.

MATT WALLS - SEPT 2023

**DOSSIER : CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU PAPE
NOTRE PALMARES DES ROUGES 2021**

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“CAPELAN” 2021 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Cette cuvée a été élevée à 70 % dans des barriques neuves. Le bois est présent, mais la gestion du fruit semble bien réussie. Il possède un grain de tanins fin et une matière profonde et riche. On apprécie sa saveur et sa qualité de texture...”

ROBERTO PETRONIO - OCT 2023

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“VENDANGE” 2021 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Son parfum intense est dominé par une note de cerise juteuse, voire de chocolat. Charnel et onctueux, il y a une belle épaisseur de fruit car on est allé chercher de la maturité dans les raisins, d'où les tanins mûrs et fins...”

ROBERTO PETRONIO - OCT 2023

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“MADEMOISELLE DU MONT 2021 CÔTES DU RHÔNE

Fresh and brambly, high tones of rhubarb mingle with blackberry and wild mint on the nose. The wine is lively with a rush of acidity that energizes a focused palate of blackberries, blueberries and fresh thyme stems. Rustic tannins are balanced by its brisk acidity, making it accessible now with a proper decant

ANNA-CHRISTINA CABRALES - DEC 2023

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“”PREMIÈRE CÔTE” 2021 CÔTES DU RHÔNE

Fresh and candied notes of strawberries, dried cranberries, blueberries, violets and white peppercorn fill the glass. The palate is dark-fruited and focused, with persistent mouth-coating fine tannins that remain, resisting the wash of acidity. This expression shows great promise and time in the glass allows brighter notes to leap. Pair this wine with textured meaty dishes such as picadillo or beef empanadas.

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15 “VENDANGE” WHITE 2021 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Fresh aromas of white peaches, tangerine, lime zest and acacia fill the glass in this bright expression. The palate is round with flavors of sliced lemon, pink grapefruit, green pear, fresh almonds, white flowers and river rocks. Mouthwatering acidity uplifts and provides tremendous energy to this wine

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“CAPELAN” 2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Tasted blind. Intense fruit-pastille core with spice and dark cherry. Some very attractive peppery notes, with five spice, garrigue and rounded, succulent, ripe tannins. A very rich and dense palate and feels quite tight on the finish at the moment.

ALISTAIR COOPER MW - NOV 2023

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“VENDANGE” 2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Tasted blind. Appealing nose that shows leather and black tea with mulberry. A very dense and compact palate, with firm, ripe, sweet tannins that work well with the savoury notes. Moderate acidity and good concentration of plush fruit as well. A generous finish.

ALISTAIR COOPER MW - NOV 2023

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“JUGUNDA” 2022 GIGONDAS

Tasted blind. Very attractive nose with purple fruit and smoked meat. Peppery and herbal, too, on the nose. The palate has good freshness and a rich, dense core of fruit, with fine-grained tannins and a smoked-meat note on the long finish. Lots to enjoy here!

ALISTAIR COOPER MW - NOV 2023



GRENACHE FROM THE SOUTHERN RHONE

What could be so new in this long established and highly regarded part of France? I would say a wave of producers that are making grenach so easy to drink. A challenging task, since it can easily become a caricature of itself and be rich, heavy and clunky. Yes, the highly regarded Château Rayas has for a long time displayed the greatness of Grenache. But how often can one splurge and buy it? Let alone if you can find it. When it comes to affordable wines, Stéphane Vedeau is probably responsible for helping me fall in love with this grape again. His sensitivity and constant search for elegance and balance result in astonishing wines that over-deliver for their price point. You can taste his crafts under both La Ferme du Mont and Clos Bellane label.

MICHELE BOUFFARD - MARCH/APRIL 2019

Les fidèles de

BACCHUS

Le viticulteur Stéphane Vedeau



Un perfectionniste à l'écoute de la nature!

Quelle belle rencontre avec ce vigneron humble et passionné! Vigneron de 3^e génération, Stéphane Vedeau poursuit les traditions familiales transmises du côté de sa mère. C'est un vigneron généreux dont les vins reflètent fidèlement son souci constant d'offrir une richesse, une simplicité et une élégance sur l'ensemble des ses différentes cuvées.

Il élabore des vins magnifiquement artisanaux à partir de trois locations différentes dans la vallée du Rhône; à la Ferme du Mont à Chateauneuf du Pape, au Clos Bellane à Valréas, et il est aussi présent dans le nord du Rhône où il produit des vins sous le nom de sa mère, Jeannine Boutin. Le défi est de faire des vins uniques sur les trois sites, mais des vins qui ont en commun l'équilibre, l'harmonie et la profondeur. «Je suis un accompagnateur de ce que la nature propose», précise-t-il.

Stéphane est un vigneron qui réalise des vins aussi précis, fins et riches, que complexes et agréablement fruités. Chacun de ses vins se distingue par une palette aromatique exceptionnelle et une empreinte marquée du terroir. Il choisit lui-même les bois pour ses fûts dans la forêt de Tronçais, les fait sécher 2 ans et réalise ses propres chauffes, donnant ainsi à ses vins une finesse boisée exceptionnelle : c'est la touche finale qui donne à ses vins une signature particulièrement reconnaissable. Il ajoute : «La quête ultime est de créer l'élégance et la fraîcheur pour équilibrer la richesse naturelle trouvée dans le fruit des sites.»

Un reportage complet sur Stéphane Vedeau et ses vins sera publié dans l'un des prochains numéros du magazine Bacchus.