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CUVÉE DU VATICAN Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sixtine Réserve 2008

This is ripe, but fleshy and inviting, without any of the vintage's raised edge or offset acidity, which allows the toasted anise, plum sauce, black licorice snap, mulled currant and fig fruit flavors to stretch out through the long, velvety finish. Best from 2011 through 2023. 100 cases made. (Oct 15, 2010)

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2008 Cuvée du Vatican Chateaufneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine

The 2008 Chateaufneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine (45% Grenache, 35% Syrah and 20% Mourvedre) exhibits juicy, spicy underbrush notes intermixed with kirsch, raspberry and currant fruit. The wine reveals a hint of spicy oak along with more structure and tannin, which is not necessarily a good thing with the less powerful and concentrated 2008s. However, this cuvee appears to be in balance. It will benefit from another year of bottle age and should drink well for 7-8 years. Importer: Alain Junguenet, Wines of France, Mountainside, NJ; tel. (908) 654-6173

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (October, 2010)

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89+ pts

Cuvée du Vatican 2008 Chateaufneuf-du-Pape Reserve Sixtine

Rhone, Rhone

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Deep ruby. Intensely perfumed, with sweet oak dominating red berry compote and floral qualities right now. Then lush and expansive, offering cherry-vanilla and raspberry flavors and a strong cola nuance. Comes off as very New World in its oaky, jammy expression, but the powerful back end features a touch of garrigue that says Rhone. A little bottle age might help the oak recede - this is actually far less oaky now than a year ago.

Josh Reynolds, March 2011

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CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Châteaufneuf-du-pape AOC 2008 Rouge

SARL Vignobles Diffonty cuvée du Vatican

Reserve Sixtine cuvée du Vatican
Lot 16; 38 hl

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CUVEE DU VATICAN 2008

Cuvée du Vatican, Réserve Sixtine 2008 Châteaufneuf-du-Pape 17 Drink 2012-17
Dark crimson. Hedonistic nose though without much definition. Super sweet and attention-grabbing. Dry tannins lurk but they are beaten into the ground by all that richness. I suppose to be crude, you would describe this style as 'American' but that would be a bit simplistic. Full of fruit, certainly.

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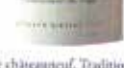
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Cuvée du Vatican

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Châteaufneuf-du-Pape cuvée Réserve Sixtine, rouge 2008
16,10/20



Les Diffonty possèdent cinquante-sept hectares sur Châteaufneuf, en Côtes du Rhône et en vins de pays. Jean-Marc vinifie deux cuvées de châteaufneuf. Traditionnelle et Sixtine.