

2012 Chateau Sixtine Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

Moving to the estate wines, the 2012 Cuvee Sixtine Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc is a knockout blend of 100% Roussanne that spent 6 months in barrel. Layered, rich and classy, with golden fruits, pineapple, sweet spice and toast, it flows onto the palate with medium-bodied richness, beautiful purity and a clean, focused finish. Always a rich white, it balances everything perfectly and will be versatile on the dinner table. Drink it over the coming couple of years. Drink now-2016. Run by the Diffonty family, with the wines made by Jean-Marc, Chateau Sixtine covers over 50 acres in Chateauneuf du Pape. Previously named Cuvee du Vatican, they have now split that off into a negociant label, with the estate wines released as Chateau Sixtine. In a given vintage, they can release three red Chateauneuf du Papes, the negociant Cuvee du Vatican, the second wine of the estate, the Manus Dei, and their top...

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Château Sixtine 2012 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Châteauneuf Du Pape, Rhône

White wine from France

Drinking window: 2016 - 2019

(aged for six months in used *barrisques*): Bright yellow. Fresh orchard and pit fruit scents are complemented by hints of tarragon and ginger. Supple peach and tangerine flavors show good depth and pick up a floral nuance as the wine opens up. Finishes on chewy note, displaying good length and a repeating ginger flourish.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: December 2015

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Château Sixtine 2012

Bright plantain, Cavaillon melon and salted butter aromas and flavors are followed by a long, creamy finish that shows a hint of macadamia nut. A flattering style. Drink now. 180 cases made. (Oct 31, 2013)

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