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CHÂTEAU SIXTINE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape White 2018

Lively, with a mix of star fruit, white peach, honeysuckle and fennel notes racing along. The bright, open-knit finish leaves a mouthwatering echo. Should benefit from a little time in the cellar. Drink now through 2022. 266 cases made, 30 cases imported. (Feb 29, 2020)

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2018 Chateau Sixtine Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

The 2018 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc is all Roussanne, 40% of which was barrel fermented and aged, while the rest went into stainless steel. Toasty oak notes frame mixed citrus on the nose of this medium to full-bodied wine, which is crisp, structured and long on the finish. It might even improve if given a couple of years in the cellar, and it drink well for up to a decade.

- Joe Czerwinski (September, 2019)

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2018 Chateau Sixtine Chateauneuf Du Pape Blanc

From 100% Roussanne brought up in old barrels and stainless steel, the 2018 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc is made in a different style than past cuvées and is decidedly more fresh, steely, and crisp, with notes of crushed citrus, white flowers, melon, and hints of minerality. It's clean and medium-bodied, with good acidity and a crisp finish. I miss some of the richness and depth of the past vintages, yet this is unquestionably an outstanding wine.

Covering 50 acres in Châteauneuf du Pape, Château Sixtine (which was previously known as Cuvée du Vatican) is run by Jean-Marc Diffonty. The lineup has changes over the past 6-7 years but today they release their flagship cuvée under the Château Sixtine label and an entry level wine under the Cuvée du Vatican label. Diffonty knocked it out of the park with his 2017 Châteauneuf du Pape Château Sixtine and I'd wager it's at the same level as the sensational 2016.

- Jeb Dunnuck (8/16/2019)

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