

2009 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine

The brilliant 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve Sixtine (a blend of 45% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 25% Mourvedre aged in small barrels of which less than 10% is new) reveals a darker deep purple color with a vague hint of vanillin in the background. Blackberry, cassis, kirsch, licorice and Provençal herb characteristics dominate the explosive aromatics. Atypically approachable for this cuvee (which is usually meant for long term aging), the 2009 possesses a savory, broad, saturated mouthfeel with a well-integrated tannic structure providing current accessibility. Nevertheless, it will drink well for 15-20 years. These are two very strong vintages from the Diffonty family (among the oldest estate bottlers in the appellation). The 2010s may be one of the finest vintages the Diffonty family has yet made. Importer: Alain Junguenet, Wines of France, Mountainside, NJ; tel. (908)...

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (October, 2011)

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Cuvée du Vatican 2009 Chateauneuf-du-Pape Reserve Sixtine

Rhone, Rhone
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Dark ruby. Aromas of cherry and black raspberry are complemented by floral and smoky qualities. Round, pliant and expansive, with very good heft and bracing zesty acidity to its sappy dark fruit flavors. Shows very good clarity and cut on the finish, with the berry note repeating. This fruit-driven wine is already quite appealing.

Josh Reynolds, January 2012

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CUVÉE DU VATICAN
Châteauneuf-du-Pape Sixtine
Réserve 2009

Silky and long, with nicely woven layers of fig, boysenberry, cassis and pastis flavors that pick up hints of black tea and iron on the very suave finish. There's also solid length, thanks to well-embedded acidity. Best from 2013 through 2020. (Sep 30, 2011)

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AOC Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge 2009

Cuve : 7

CUVEE DU VATICAN

CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE

"Réserve Sixtine"

A obtenu une

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