

2001 Cuvée du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape

The deep ruby/purple-colored 2001 Chateauneuf du Pape reveals Grenache's powerful side in its intense kirsch, licorice, peppery aromatics. An opulent attack is followed by a multilayered, full-bodied mid-palate along with considerable structure and headiness in the finish. This is a large-scaled, but impeccably well-balanced Chateauneuf to drink between 2005-2016. One of the appellation's young, dynamic revolutionaries, Jean-Marc Diffonty, has produced his finest Chateauneuf du Papes to date.

Additionally, prices remain modest for what's in the bottle.

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- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (February, 2004)

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CUVÉE DU VATICAN
Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2001

Beautiful. Rich, ripe, and generous, this abundant, full-bodied wine will fill your palate with joy, delivering elegance and class as well as lots of plum, mineral, some smoke and a stony character.

Long finish. Fabulous. Drink now through 2020. 5,215 cases made. (Sep 15, 2003)

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88 pts

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Rhone, Rhone

Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Deep, bright red. Black cherry, mocha and menthol on the nose, along with a whiff of dried fruits. Fat, ripe and fleshy, with good sweetness and a hint of prune. Finishes with sweet tannins and good length.

Stephen Tanzer, January 2004

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Product Cuvée Du Vatican 2001

Category 1 A Châteauneuf du Pape - Rhone

Producer SCEA Diffonty Felicien et Fils

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