

2010 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape

The 2010 Cuvee du Vatican Chateauneuf du Pape, a sleeper of the vintage, offers delicious black currant and black cherry fruit intermixed with tobacco leaf, licorice, lavender and spice box characteristics. This forward, attractive, full-bodied, richly fruity, seductive 2010 is ideal for drinking over the next 7-8 years. This is one of Chateauneuf du Pape's ancient estates (the recorded history dates back to 1673), long owned by the Diffonty family (presently by Jean-Marc). Their first Chateauneuf du Pape was sold under the estate name in 1902. Jean-Marc is an innovative visionary and when he took over for his father, he invested heavily in temperature-controlled stainless steel and used new oak for the first time. Some of his traditional clients balked at the new styled wines, so he offered a traditional cuvee under the name Cuvee du Vatican as well as his old vine, more modern-styled wine, Cuvee...

- Robert M. Parker, Jr. (October, 2012)

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90+ pts

Cuvée du Vatican 2010 Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Rhone, Rhone
Red wine from France

Drinking window:

Vivid purple. Blueberry, cherry and Asian spices on the highly perfumed nose. Sweet and energetic, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors that are lifted and sharpened by juicy acidity. Tannins come on late and help shape the long, fruit-dominated finish.

Josh Reynolds, January 2013

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CHATEAU SIXTINE 2010 94 Pts
Sweet jammy black raspberries, flowers, smoke, spice and black pepper scents, this lush, sexy, rich, forward style of Chateauneuf du Pape is already delicious.

CUVÉE DU VATICAN 2010 92 Pts
Earthy, forest floor, kirsch, animal and smoked meat aromas get you interested in the wine. Soft, round and chewy, the wine ends with ripe, black cherries.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée du Vatican 2010

Very fleshy and succulent, with dark fig and linzer torte flavors that show anise and blackberry hints. Ample toasted spice and singed alder notes fill in on the finish, and this has a lovely silky feel despite its weight. Best from 2014 through 2026. 2,400 cases made. (Oct 15, 2012)

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SILVER 2012

Product: Cuvée Du Vatican Châteauneuf du Pape 2010
Tasting Category: Châteauneuf du Pape AOP - 2010
Producer: Cuvée Du Vatican



"THE IWSC PROVEs that the silver medal was made after a blind tasting" - awarded to win the best red wine in the 2012 International Wine & Spirit Competition

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Wine Director



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Cuvée du Vatican 2010
JM Diffonty

BY THE INTERNATIONAL WINE CHALLENGE 2012 JUDGES



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MÉDAILLE DE BRONZE

DÉCERNÉ À: Sarl Vignobles Diffonty Cuvée du Vatican Châteauneuf-du-Pape (84)

POUR: son appellation d'origine contrôlée Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2010 Cuvée du Vatican



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