



2013 Domaine Grand Veneur Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee les Origines

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France, Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

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Drink 2015 - 2025
Cost: \$45

Slightly deeper and richer than the classic cuvee Le Miocène, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvee Les Origins is 45% Grenache, 35% Syrah and 20% Mourvedre that spent 16 months in equal parts concrete tank and small barrels. Graphite, lead pencil shavings, black raspberry, cassis and hints of licorice all emerge from this medium to full-bodied, elegant, and surprisingly sweetly fruited Châteauneuf du Pape. The Jaume family continues to release a massive lineup of high quality wines from throughout the Southern Rhône. In 2013 they purchased the Chateau Mazane estate in Vacqueyras, and while a large portion of their Vacqueyras Grande Garrigue came from this estate, they now also release a 100% estate Vacqueyras Chateau Mazane that's all from the new property. It's a cellar selection over the Grande Garrigue and sees a slightly different élevage, but I find the quality between the two cuvees similar. The only other new change is the addition of the Le Miocène label to their traditional red and white Châteauneuf du Pape releases. Le Miocène translates to "beginning of an era", but there is no change to the actual wine. At the end of the day, you can't go wrong here and the portfolio is packed with both quality and value. Importer(s): Kysela Pere et Fils, 331 Victory Road, Winchester, VA, (540) 722-9228, www.kysela.com

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One of the top wines of the vintage, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Les Origines bucks the vintage stereotype and has fabulous richness and depth in its ripe black raspberry, creamy licorice, white chocolate and pepper-laced aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, elegant and balanced, it should benefit from short-term cellaring and have 10-15 years of longevity. Due to the difficulty with Grenache, the blend here has been tweaked, with just 45% Grenache in the blend, and the rest 35% Syrah and 20% Mourvedre. All of which will see 16 months in a combination of concrete tank and barrel. This estate, under the leadership of Sebastien and Christophe Jaume, continues to be one of the reference point producers for relatively modern styled Châteauneuf du Papes. In addition to their top tier efforts, the portfolio is loaded with smoking values at just about every price point. I've listed domaine wines under Domaine Grand Veneur, and the negociant wines under Alain Jaume, which I

believe might also include some vineyards owned by the Jaume family as well. Regardless, the quality here is superb across the range. In addition, they've excelled in both 2012 and 2013. Importer(s): Kysela Pere et Fils, 331 Victory Road, Winchester, VA, (540) 722-9228, www.kysela.com
