



2007 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Chateauneuf du Pape

Rating: 89
Drink: 2009-2017

The garnet/ruby-hued 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape is very Provencal in its garrigue, pepper, soy, kirsch, plum, and fruitcake notes. Round, seductive, and lush with loads of fruit in addition to an enticing texture, it can be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years. It is a blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Mourvedre, and the balance Cinsault and Syrah from 50-year-old vines.

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2007 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Cadiac

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Drink: 2009-2024

The top effort, the 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Cadiac, is a stunning wine even though it leans toward a quasi-modern style. The fruit comes from two vineyards in the northeastern sector of the appellation called Coudoulet and Chaupoin. A brilliant, dense ruby/purple-colored offering, it reveals some evidence of toasty oak, but the wine is dominated by kirsch, black currant, lavender, and licorice characteristics. Full-bodied, rich, and pure with good acids and sweet, velvety tannins, it should drink well for 15+ years.

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2007 Domaine Berthet-Rayne Chateauneuf du Pape Fut de Chene

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The small barrel-aged 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Fut de Chene reveals little evidence of new oak. It offers up pure black cherry, raspberry, and cranberry fruit, an expansive texture, more earthy, spice box notes than the traditional cuvee, and a complex, pure, medium to full-bodied, impressively endowed personality. It, too, should be drunk over the next 7-8 years.

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