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Drink: 2015-2024

2012 Cabrieres Chateaufneuf du Pape

The 2012 Chateaufneuf du Pape was still in tank at the time of this tasting, and it shows slightly better this go-round than last year. Made from 50% Grenache, 20% each of Syrah and Mourvedre, and splash of Cinsault, it's a medium-bodied, elegant and downright pretty Chateaufneuf that has classic kirsch and sweet red berry fruits, spice and garrigue aromas and flavors. It shows the approachable, classic style of the vintage and will have 10-12 years of longevity.

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2012 Cabrieres Chateaufneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige

From a plot of vines located just near the estate, on the top of the Mont Redon plateau, the 2012 Chateaufneuf du Pape Prestige is a blend of 50% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre and 10% Cinsault and other permitted varieties. It's an outstanding effort that possesses impressive levels of kirsch, dark fruits, spring flowers, caramelized cherries and mint to go with a medium-bodied, elegant and finesse-driven style. Aged all in 500- and 225-liter barrels, it stays Provençal, elegant and seamless. It should drink nicely on release and age gracefully for at least 10-12 years.

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2013 Cabrieres Chateaufneuf du Pape

Looking at the 2013s, there will be only the classic Chateaufneuf du Pape, which checks in as a blend of 51% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvedre and the rest Cinsault and other varieties. Harvested at the end of October, it has beautiful ripeness and sweetness of tannin to go with perfumed kirsch, blackberry, dried flowers and spice aromas and flavors. Made in a pretty, medium-bodied, supple style, it makes the most of this cooler vintage and will have a decade or more of longevity.

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