



Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2005

Really dense and locked up now, this is packed with dark, fig, currant and blackberry fruit shrouded by layers of tar, hot stone, bittersweet licorice and espresso. The long, dense finish has a great tug or iron buried within it.

96 Points

Tardieu-Laurent Chateauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee Speciale 2005

Stunning, with a terrific range of fig sauce, blackberry confiture, blueberry and linzer torte flavors layered with spice, mesquite, fruit cake and sweet earth notes. The long finish is riveted by minerality. So lush and accessible that this may be burning the candle at both ends, but it does so beautifully.

96 Points

Perrin & Fils Chateauneuf-du-Pape Les Sinards 2005

Lovely Kirsch and plum cake aromas and flavors lead the way, with a silky palate of currant and mineral that glides through the long finish. Not as densely structured as the top 2005's, but pure and wonderfully balanced.

92 Points

Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf-du-Pape White Vieilles Vignes 2006

Has a gorgeous texture, with creamy notes of fresh sweetened butter, warm brioche, fig, anise, feenel and melon. The long finish has a great mineral spine and a lingering hint of persimmon. Very well-integrated already, but there's a lot in reserve. This offers hedonism now, or more elegance with age.

96 Points

Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf-du-Pape White 2006

Densely layered, showing peach cobbler, graham, heather, chamomile, almond and brioche flavors that glide along the creamy-textured palate, with a long, smoke-tingled finish. Still youthfully raw.

94 Points

Tardieu-Laurent Hermitage White 2005

Gorgeous from start to finish, with fig, cardamom, quince paste, grilled hazelnut and all spice notes. A big, powerful style, this is richly textured, but deftly underpinned by fine acidity and a long, lingering note of Jonagold apple.

94 Points

Chateau de Beaucastel Cotes du Rhone White Condoulet de Beaucastel 2006

Has a nice richness, with melon and peach flavors baked by a hint of fig on the broad finish.

89 Points

Cliff Lede Claret Stags Leap District 2005

Firm, intense and vibrant, with a mix of mineral, dried currant, anise , black cherry, sage and spicy, leathery notes that are complex and structured, ending with a touch of green olive.

90 Points

Cliff Lede Sauvignon Blanc Napa Valley 2006

A floral, grassy style, with tart green apple, lime, and sour lemon drop flavors. Vivid and intense, with mouthwatering acidity and persistence on the finish.

89 Points