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 Rating: 87  
 Drink 2010 - 2014  
 Cost: \$43

The dark ruby-colored 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape exhibits lots of seaweed, garrigue, pepper and earthy autumnal notes along with an attractive texture and elegant, straightforward fruit flavors that beg for consumption over the next 3-4 years. Jean-Marie Royer is an under-the-radar producer who consistently fashions beautiful wines dominated by Grenache and largely aged in cement tanks with about 20% aged in barriques and foudres. The traditional cuvee is typically a blend of 73% Grenache and 27% Syrah. Importers: Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA; tel. (323) 222-2003; Free Run LLC, Seattle, WA; no telephone available; Bertin Henri Selections, Doral, FL; tel. (305) 392-6995, and Fine Vines LLC, Melrose Park, IL; tel. (708) 343-6702

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The 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape exhibits plenty of kirsch and herbs. (Not yet released) This small estate (just over 12 acres) is run by the Royer family, who can trace its origins in Chateauneuf du Pape back to the 1800's. However, they have only been estate bottling their wines since the mid-eighties. As the following notes indicate, these are very high quality, artisanal wines made with assistance from consultant Philippe Cambie. All of the vineyards are located in the southern sectors of Chateauneuf du Pape known as Bois de la Ville and Les Grandes Serres, the latter being one of the sources for the superb wines from Isabel Ferrando's St.-Prefert Chateauneuf du Papes. Both the 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape and 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Prestige are good efforts for this vintage. Importer: Bertin Henri Selections, Doral, FL; tel. (305) 392-6995 or (888) 392-6995.