2016 Domaine Jean Royer Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Sables de La Crau

Also deeply colored, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Sables de La Crau is 100% Grenache from sandy soils, and it was raised all in demi-muids. With a huge nose of blueberries, crushed flowers, cedarwood, and baking spice, it hits the palate with a full-bodied, silky style, no hard edges, beautiful purity of fruit, and a great, great finish. It's one of the most profound wines I've tasted from this estate.

All of these releases from Jean-Marie Royer focus on Grenache sourced from sandy soils. These are always more lightly colored yet perfumed, intense wines that have classic Grenache characters.