

2015 Domaine Jean Royer Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

Leading off the 2015s from bottle and based on 90% Grenache and 5% each of Syrah and Cinsault, the 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape is a beauty. Kirsch liqueur, toasted spice, dried garrigue and pepper nuances all flow to a ripe, sexy 2015 that's already drinking beautifully. With fine, supple tannin, solid balance and a great finish, it will keep for a decade.

Vigneron Jean-Marie Royer pulls from a number of prime terroirs, most consisting of sandy soils. While 2015 was challenging for the sandier parts of the appellation, he's turned out a bevy of beautiful wines. His 2016s are some of the finest I've tasted from the estate.

- Jeb Dunnuck (10/19/2017)

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