tasting note

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Prestige 2009

Score: 90

Release Price: \$37 Country: France

Region: Southern Rhône

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This takes the very light, perfumy approach, with lots of tea and sandalwood leading the way for floral, cherry and shiso leaf notes. The very stylish, high-toned finish has persistent bitter cherry and iron hints. This goes against the prevailing style in Châteauneuf, like an old Rayas. Drink now through 2025. 500 cases made. *–JM*