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Rating: 91  
Drink 2015 - 2023  
Cost: \$0

The 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape les Sables de la Crau is a stunner in the vintage. Ultra-pure, elegant, sweetly fruited and a sexy as they come, it delivers loads of strawberry, rose petal, framboise and spice on the nose. My only complaint is that it's slightly straightforward, but it delivers more pleasure than most in this vintage and just begs to be drunk! Enjoy this beauty anytime over the coming 7-8 years. Importer(s): Bertin Henri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172 , (305) 392-6995, [www.bertinhenriselections.com](http://www.bertinhenriselections.com) Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199 Free Run, LLC, 2845 NW 66th Street, Seattle, WA 98117, USA, (206) 669-9757 Fine Vines, LLC, Melrose Park, IL, (708) 343-6702, [www.finevines.com](http://www.finevines.com)

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The standout of the 2013s, the Châteauneuf du Pape Les Sables de la Crau is loaded with gorgeous strawberry, kirsch and black raspberry intermixed with ample licorice, dried earth and hints of rose petal. Made from 100% Grenache from the sandy parts of La Crau, it's medium to full-bodied, polished and seamless, with thrilling purity and finesse to its tannin. It will shine on release and have upward of a decade of longevity. An estate that continues to ratchet up the quality level, Domaine Jean Royer is run by the gregarious and talented Jean-Marie Royer, with help from the ever-present oenologist,

Philippe Cambie. These wines excel for the sweet fruit, silky textures and overall seamless, balanced profile. I suspect they'll age reasonably well, but they drink beautifully in their youth. Importer(s): Bertin Henri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172 , (305) 392-6995, [www.bertinhenriselections.com](http://www.bertinhenriselections.com) Paul M. Young Fine Wines, Los Angeles, CA, (213) 232-5199 Free Run, LLC, 2845 NW 66th Street, Seattle, WA 98117, USA, (206) 669-9757 Fine Vines, LLC, Melrose Park, IL, (708) 343-6702, [www.finevines.com](http://www.finevines.com)

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