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The 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape offers sexy and forward notes of strawberries, framboise, dried garrigue and leather. This wine is made from 85% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre and 5% Cinsault that had one third of the blend aged in barrel. Drink this medium-bodied, perfumed and Provençal effort through 2023. Importer(s): Bertin Henri Selections, 10900 N.W. 21st Street, Unit 180, Doral, Florida, 33172, (305) 392-6995, 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

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Proprietor Jean Marie Royer has fashioned a bevy of high-quality wines in 2012 and 2013, with the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape giving up pretty notes of strawberry, rose petal and spring flowers to go with a medium-bodied, soft, supple and polished feel. Made from 85% Grenache and 5% each of Syrah, Mourvedre and Cinsault, it makes the most of the vintage and scores high on drinkability. 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

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