

2014 Domaine de la Janasse product-pdf - Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes - Premier Châteauneuf Producer, 93+pts

Why We're Drinking It

Um, you may need to brace yourself for this one. Domaine de la Janasse, one of the absolute premier producers of Châteauneuf de Pape, has graciously allocated their remaining plot of 2014 VIELLES VIGNES, their flagship wine, to us...and at a ridiculous bargain. \$59?! Are we crazy! Are they crazy? Are we all just a little nuts?! Perhaps. And we're ok with it.

So for anyone who has an affinity toward CdP, are general wine aficionados and connoisseurs or have a Grenache-infused itch that needs to be scratched, here is the wine you can do that with. Oh, and it's nicely accoladed too: 93-95pts from Vinous and Wine Spectator. It's ready for you, are you?

Vines planted in the 20s and the 60s, the wine comes from a crop of limited, yet concentrated yields and crafted with a "Burgundian"-like weight in mind, so this isn't going to be big and jammy, but instead it's refined and focused with a depth of sensual flavor. Sounds practically perfect, right? Seamless, silky, studded with notes of blackberry pie, kirsch, crushed flowers, sweet herbiness, white pepper, candied licorice, its delightfully complex with a backbone of subtle tannins. Drink it now, drink it on a special occasion, save a couple bottles to pop in a few years, you're going to love it.

Oh, and there isn't a lot left, so you may want to hustle...

Tasting Notes

Seamless and silky with notes of red and black fruits, blackberry pie, kirsch, crushed flowers, sweet herbiness, white pepper, and candied licorice.

Nicely complex with freshness and a backbone of subtle, emerging tannins.

VARIETAL

Rhone Blend

APPELLATION

Châteauneuf du Pape

ALCOHOL

15.00

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Rhone Blend

The Story to Know

Aimé, the founder

In 1967, Aimé Sabon came back from his military service. He took over his father's vines, who used to take his grapes to the wine cooperative.

In 1973, Aimé built his own cellar. Domaine de la Janasse was born and named after the family farm that was in Courthézon, in the locality of "La Janasse". Aimé was ambitious. He knew he had fabulous soil and he wanted to expand the estate by acquiring new plots. From 15 hectares at the very beginning, La Janasse has now reached more than 90 hectares.

From father to children

In 1991, after a technical diploma in viticulture and oenology in Beaune, and another one in marketing in Mâcon, Christophe Sabon –Aimé's eldest son– came back to La Janasse where he was given the keys to the cellar. From then different cuvees were developed, new markets conquered. In 2001, Isabelle –Aimé's daughter– graduated as an oenologist from the University of Toulouse, and joined the team. With Hélène, Aimé's wife, the family was reunited again in La Janasse.

Ratings

93-95pts, Vinous

Bright ruby. Intensely perfumed aromas of fresh red and blue fruits, potpourri and incense gain vivacity from a smoky

mineral nuance. Offers deeply concentrated blueberry, black raspberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors, while suggestions of candied licorice and white pepper emerge on the back half. Finishes on a suave, alluringly sweet note of red fruit liqueur, featuring slowly emerging tannins and outstanding vivacity and focus.

93pts, Wine Spectator

Cherry paste and raspberry coulis flavors form the core, framed by pleasantly singed sandalwood notes. The finish picks up light tea and lavender accents. Not dense but has freshness and poise. Drink now through 2024.
