

## MAS DE BOISLAUZON

Run by the brother and sister team of Daniel and Christine Chaussy, this brilliant estate covers just over 20 acres in Chateauneuf du Pape, most of which are in the northern part. They produce up to three Chateauneufs in top vintages and one white. In addition, their Vin de France and Cotes du Rhone Villages are always superb and sell for a song. Note: there was no Cuvee du Quet or le Tinto produced in 2011, and no Tinto in 2012.

### 2011 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape

**Rating : 93**

One impressive 2011, the 2011 Chateauneuf du Pape (70% Grenache and 30% Mourvedre, aged in a combination of concrete tank, foudre and barrel) is awesomely full-bodied, rich and layered, with meaty notes of roasted herbs, melted licorice, black fruits and spice all showing on the nose. Possessing fantastic mid-palate depth and plenty of fine tannin, it will drink nicely for 10-12 years (which is saying something for a 2011!). Drink now-2023.

### 2012 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape

**Rating : (90-92)**

A fantastic looking 2012 and a blend of 70% Grenache, 25% Mourvedre and 5% Syrah that will spend time in both concrete and barrel, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape is a ripe, voluptuous effort that has loads of texture and richness, yet stays light and fresh. Offering up knockout notes of blackberry, underbrush, licorice and black cherry fruit, this medium to full-bodied, open and supple 2012 will deliver the goods for upward of a decade. Drink now-2022.

### 2012 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc

**Rating : 92**

Comprised of 60% Roussanne and 40% Grenache that's aged in a combination of stainless steel and barrel, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc is a superb wine and always one of my favorite whites from the region. Offering up plenty of brioche, toasted spice, peach, quince and exotic floral notes, this medium-bodied effort is rich and textured, yet stays lively and fresh with terrific, integrated, acidity. Drink it over the coming couple of years. Drink now-2015.

## **2012 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Quet**

**Rating : (94-96+)**

Even more impressive and a candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Quet (pronounced "kay") is a blend of 80% tank-aged Grenache and 20% barrel-aged Mourvedre. A big, massive wine, with decadent roasted herbs, black and red fruits, licorice and scorched earth, this full-bodied, mouth-filling and brilliantly concentrated effort doesn't lack for texture or richness, yet remains fresh and very drinkable. It should drink well for 15-20 years. Drink 2014-2032.

## **2012 Mas de Boislauzon Cotes du Rhone Villages**

**Rating : (89-91)**

Also a rock-solid, value-priced offering, the 2012 Cotes du Rhone Villages (50% Grenache, and the rest Syrah, Mourvedre and Carignan aged in a combination of barrel and concrete tank) has a big, rich and concentrated profile, with plenty of licorice, graphite and mulled berry fruit on both the nose and palate. Medium to full-bodied, rich and layered, it's potentially outstanding and will deliver loads of pleasure over the coming 4-5 years. Drink now-2018.

## **2012 Mas de Boislauzon Vin de France la Chaussynette**

**Rating : 88**

A bistro-styled effort that over-delivers, the 2012 Vin de France La Chaussynette (70% Grenache and 30% Syrah aged all in concrete) is a superb effort that offers up notions of dusty cabinet, ground herb, garrigue and sweet red currant-styled fruit. Medium-bodied, supple and with a fleshy texture, it should be consumed over the coming handful of years. Drink now-2016.