

MAS DE BOISLAUZON

2010 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape

Rating : 92

Drink : 2012-2027

Price : \$34-50

The best value from this estate is the sensational 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape, a blend of 70% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 15% Mourvedre from 50-year-old vines aged in concrete tank as well as old wood foudres. Copious aromas of garrigue, seaweed, ground pepper, creme de cassis and kirsch jump from the glass of this opaque ruby/purple-colored, full-bodied, multidimensional, rich, pure 2010. Drink it over the next 10-15 years.

This tiny 22-acre estate situated in the northern tier of Chateauneuf du Pape was founded in 1950, but has been brought to brilliance by Chaussy family over the last decade. Daniel Chaussy deserves enormous credit for introducing the spectacular Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Quet as well as the Chateauneuf du Pape Le Tintot, which is 100% Mourvedre. Both the 2007 and 2010 Cuvee du Quet have garnered perfect scores, and the latter wine may be the wine of the vintage. Sadly, only 5,000 bottles are produced of this extraordinary blend of 80% Grenache (aged in neutral tanks) and 20% Mourvedre (aged in small oak casks).

2011 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape

Rating : (90-93)

Drink : 2012-2020

Daniel Chaussy only made one wine in 2011 because of the vintage conditions. However, his 2011 Chateauneuf du Pape is one of the finest wines of the vintage. It exhibits lots of fruitcake, cedar, lavender and black cherry aromas in its perfumed, sumptuous, medium to full-bodied, front end-loaded personality. This beauty can be enjoyed over the next 7-8 years. Kudos to Daniel Chaussy and his sister Christine.

2010 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Quet

Rating : 100

Drink : 2012-2032

Price : \$115-227

The remarkable 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee du Quet boasts a dark ruby/purple color along with a stunning bouquet of spring flowers, cranberries, black raspberries, blueberries, forest floor, incense and bouquet garni. The wine builds incrementally in the mouth, and the finish lasts nearly a minute. This amazingly full-bodied, gorgeously pure Chateauneuf du Pape has everything one could desire in a dry red wine. Enjoy it over the next 20+ years.

2010 Mas de Boislauzon Chateauneuf du Pape le Tintot (100% Mourvedre)

Rating : 96

Drink : 2017-2057

Price : \$85

The 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape Le Tintot (100% Mourvedre) comes close to equaling Manfred Krankl and Philippe Cambie's debut release of Chimere, which is also virtually all Mourvedre. If you can not find Chimere on retailers' shelves, check out the 2010 Le Tintot as there are about 2,000 bottles produced. An amazing expression of fully ripe Mourvedre, it offers up notes of steak tartare, porcini mushrooms, blueberries, blackberries, charcoal and camphor. Incredibly dense and full-bodied with no hard edges (noteworthy for a 100% Mourvedre cuvee), this stunning wine needs 5-6 years of cellaring, and should keep for 40+ years.

2011 Mas de Boislauzon Cotes du Rhone Villages

Rating : 88

Price : \$17

Not surprisingly, the Chaussys have made a brilliant 2011 Cotes du Rhone-Villages. A sleeper of the vintage, it boasts abundant aromas of kirsch, raspberries, incense and Christmas fruitcake. Drink this elegant, pure 2011 over the next several years.

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