

2007 Southern Rhone Offer

“...the finest vintage I have ever tasted in Châteauneuf du Pape. In my thirty years of evaluating these wines, I don't think any vintage has achieved the heights of complexity, richness, and overall purity and balance that 2007 did.” Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate.

Wine maker at the bio-dynamic **Domaine de la Mordorée** is the visionary Christophe Delorme who has created an enormous reputation for his superb wines since founding the Estate in 1986. These are modern styled Rhône's which combine the use of concrete tank, foudre and French oak (mostly for the top wines) to produce harmonious and profound wines in all three colors.



The Lirac rouge is arguably one of the greatest “quality to price ratio” wines produced anywhere in the vinous world, it regularly outperforms Châteauneuf's at much higher prices from other Estates in both difficult vintages and in great vintages. Their magnificently proportioned Châteauneuf-du-Pape ‘Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois’ is reserved for exceptional vintages and consistently delivers super concentration and purity. Mordorée is a genuine superstar of modern day viticultural France.

2008 Tavel, rosé 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'

“The greatest rosé I have tasted in the last year is the 2008 Tavel La Reine des Bois... This tour de force in rosé should be drunk before summer, 2010. **91 pts**” - RPJr

2007 Lirac, rouge 'La Dame Rousse'

“The outstanding 2007 Lirac La Dame Rousse, a blend of equal parts Syrah and Grenache, reveals a dense purple color as well as a gorgeous, sweet nose of crème de cassis, crushed rocks, violets, and licorice. This layered, full-bodied Lirac could easily pass for a Châteauneuf du Pape priced twice as high. Drink it over the next 4-5 years. **92 pts**” RPJr

2007 Lirac, rouge 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'

“The outrageously superb 2007 Lirac La Reine des Bois (equal parts Grenache, Mourvedre, and Syrah) may be the finest wine Delorme has yet made. Its dense purple color is accompanied by a sumptuous perfume of black fruits, licorice, earth, and pepper. The fruit quality is deep, textured, and pure, and the 35-second finish is superb. This knock-out wine should drink well for 7-8 years. **94 pts**” RPJr

“Really loaded with fruit, this shows raspberry, boysenberry and blackberry notes all layered with sweet spice and bacony toast before the fresh, mineral-driven finish takes over. Impressive for the appellation. Drink now through 2012. 3,880 cases made. **92 pts**” Wine Spectator

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'

“Not surprisingly, the 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape La Reine des Bois is another prodigious offering from this estate. A blend of 80% Grenache and the rest equal parts Mourvedre, Syrah, Cunoise, and Vacarrese, it was aged 50% in stainless steel tanks and 50% in small oak barrels. The result is an inky/blue/purple-colored wine displaying a formidable nose of graphite, blueberries, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, licorice, and violets. Fullbodied with exquisite depth, impressive purity, and a multilayered, sumptuous finish with moderate tannin, its purity, freshness, vibrancy, and precision are exceptional. Give it 2-3 years of bottle age and drink it over the following two decades. **96+ pts**” Wine Advocate

“Stunning in its combination of density, purity and elegance. There's plenty of dark fig, cassis, pastis and crushed plum fruit, along with melted licorice, ganache and black tea notes. But the texture is supple, the tannins silky and the finish long and beguiling. Harnesses the precociousness of the vintage with true depth and length. Best from 2010 through 2030. Tasted twice, with consistent notes. 1,680 cases made. **96 pts**” Wine Spectator

Château Mont Redon will be familiar to those who know and love Châteauneuf du Pape, being well recognized as the largest family owned estate in the appellation. With almost 100 hectares under vine, the majority of Mont Redon's vineyards are located in the appellations most favoured area, the high plateau which is covered in the large round pudding stones that Châteauneuf is so well known for.

There has been considerable investment at Mont Redon over the past five years. The entire winery is now climate controlled. Rows of oak barriques of various ages have replaced the old large foudres of yester year, and large temperature controlled stainless steel vats now line the walls, resulting in wines of freshness and precision. Mont Redon is a prime candidate for both the most improved producer and the best value producer of the Southern Rhone.

07 Mont Redon Lirac

"(vat, final assemblage) bright purple, red robe; has a pretty fruit nose with plenty of life and verve, red berries in the air. The palate displays easy, rather gourmand fruit, is really drinkable, with no complications. The cherry red fruit lasts all through. There is a little late tannin for now. From 2010" ****(*)** John Livingstone-Learmonth

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge (Also available in 375ml and Magnums).

"Opaque ruby. Exotic aroma of raspberry preserves, cherry pie, Asian spices and garrigue expands with air and picks up a deeper cherry quality. Spicy, mineral driven red and dark berry flavours are impressively lithe and precise, with silky tannins lending support. This very fresh wine finishes with excellent clarity and spicy persistence." **92 Points** Steven Tanzers International Wine Cellar

Domaine de Marcoux is a highly sought-after biodynamic producer of Chateauneuf du Pape. These are wonderfully pure, refined and textured Chateauneuf that reflect the vintage in which they are produced. The "classique" is a brilliant Chateauneuf; rich and textured yet with the minerality and refinement that we rarely find in this region.

For those who love the depth, power and longevity of old vine, low-yielding Chateauneuf, these are wines to squirrel away in the cellar for special occasions in the future.



2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

"The outstanding 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape (a blend of 80% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 7% Syrah, and 3% Cinsault that achieved 16.5% natural alcohol) exhibits a dark ruby/purple color in addition to a sumptuous bouquet of black fruits, scorched earth, lavender, truffles, and licorice. The wine reveals the vintage's gorgeous freshness and vibrancy as well as sensational concentration, and a tremendous finish. It can be drunk young or cellared for 15+ years." **94 Points**, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate # 185, Oct 2009.

"From one of the driest vintages on record, 2007 is shaping up as a wonderful year for grenache and the southern Rhône. Made from 80 per cent grenache with mourvèdre and syrah predominating in the balance and from vines that are, on average, 50 years old, this gorgeous, hedonistic wine is bright but not deeply coloured, with aromas of spice-infused black cherry and raspberry fruit, and a touch of garrigue adding complexity. Built for the long haul, the full-bodied, ripe and structured palate manages to taste fresh and balanced, despite its 15.5 per cent alcohol." Philip Rich, Top 20 Wines of 2009 - Aust Financial Review, Dec 09.

"80% grenache, 10% mourvedre, 7% syrah and 3% cinsault) Sexy, expressive scents of black raspberry, star anise, lavender and smoky minerals. Lively red and dark berry flavors are given a refreshingly bitter edge by a note of cherry skin, turning deeper and spicier with air. The finish is broad, sappy and impressively powerful, leaving sweet red and dark berry compote notes behind. This is drinking surprisingly well for such a young wine but it also has the depth to repay patience." **93 Pts**, Josh Reynolds, Tanzer's IWC. Issue 148, Jan/Feb 2010.

For fifty years **Roger Sabon** has been a great source of traditional Châteauneuf where the expression of fruit and terroir is everything and oak is applied judiciously. Sabon makes velvety wines with silky concentration, flesh and finesse utilising 70 year old foudrés and casks for the élevage. Absolutely delicious wines right through the range, they are generally wines for the medium term, four to ten years and deliver appropriate impact, detail and complexity.

Chateauneuf prodigy, the affable Jean-Jacques Sabon has retired and his talented son-in-law Didier Negron has assumed responsibility for the winemaking. Incredibly Didier has lifted the bar higher at this already first-class benchmark Chateauneuf-du- Pape estate.

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Les Olivets'

“Olivets is a beautiful sleeper of the vintage. This sexy, full-bodied wine possesses a dark plum/purple color, abundant aromas of pepper, lavender, forest floor, and roast beef, a lush, layered style, and 10-12 years of drinkability. **90 pts**” RPJr

“An elegant, stylish version, with mulled red cherry and red currant fruit hanging gracefully through the tea-, sandalwood- and mineral-infused finish. Nice latent grip checks in at the very end. Drink now through 2019. **90 pts**” WS

“Vivid ruby. Sexy, ripe raspberry and cherry scents, along with baking spices and woodsmoke. Smells like a New World pinot noir, and tastes a lot like one too. Sweet, palate-coating red berry flavors are enlivened by tangy minerals, with a subtle floral note on the back. Finishes with very good clarity and snap. **90 pts**” Stephen Tanzer

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée Reserve'

“Revealing a deeper, more saturated ruby/purple colour, the full-bodied 2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Reserve exhibits plenty of glycerine, a multilayered texture, and a sensational combination of rich black currant and kirsch fruit intermixed with liquorice, roasted herb, and forest floor notes. A blend of 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault aged in both foudres and old demi-muids, it should drink well for 12-15+ years. **92 pts**” RPJr

“This is elegant, with incense and raspberry notes up front, followed by red plum, roasted vanilla bean and black tea. The finish is long and silky. A very perfumy style, with gorgeous mouthfeel. Drink now through 2019. **92 pts**” WS

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée Prestige'

“The brilliant 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Prestige (60% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, and the balance almost every other authorized red grape of the appellation) is produced from parcels that average 90 years of age or older. It reveals the essence of Provence in its dense plum/purple colour and powerful aromatics of sweet crème de cassis, black cherries, liquorice, lavender, pepper, and incense. The wine possesses terrific depth, a blockbuster, opulent, multilayered texture, and a finish that lasts nearly 50 seconds. This sensational Chateauneuf du Pape should drink well for 15-20 years. **95 pts**” RPJr

“Bright ruby. Powerful aromas of blackberry, blueberry, licorice and dried flowers. Deep and chewy, offering lush dark berry compote flavors and slow-building tannins. Becomes sweeter and more lively with air, finishing with notes of fresh red and dark berries. **92 pts**” Stephen Tanzer

2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Secret de Sabon'

“Reminiscent of a hypothetical blend, stylistically speaking, of a1990 and 1998, the opaque plum/purple 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Le Secret de Sabon is off the charts. There are only 2000 bottles of this limited cuvee from a parcel of 100+ year old vines in the famed La Crau sector. Enormously powerful notes of grilled herbs, roasted meats, creme de cassis, blackberries charcoal and truffles emerge from this massive, super concentrated 2007. A tour de force in wine making, this is old vine intensity at its greatest and purest. Give it 5-6 years of bottle age, and drink it over the following three decades. **96-100**” RPJr

“Inky ruby. Exotic aromas of black raspberry, boysenberry, cassis, floral oils and incense, with notes of licorice and sassafras coming up with air. Fleshy, seductively sweet red and dark berry liqueur flavors stain the palate, with floral pastilles and succulent herbs providing added complexity. Very rich but also compellingly lithe and balanced, with superb finishing clarity and sexy floral and spice character. I'd bet on this wine being delicious throughout its life. **96 pts**” Stephen Tanzer

Raspail-Ay was founded in 1854 with 18 hectares under vine planted to Grenache (80%) Syrah (15%) and Mourvedre (5%) proprietor Dominique-Ay keeps things pretty simple at Gigondas' finest address – one red and one rosé. The Gigondas reflects the appellation's characteristics faithfully in an elegantly robust style which needs four or so years for the tannins to meld with the wine.

Dominique leaves as much as possible to nature in the vineyard and applies a minimalist approach in the winery. All grapes are de-stemmed prior to the spontaneous ferment which last for 15 days; the maturation for the Grenache takes place en foudrés, the Syrah and Mourvèdre in second and third use barriques with two rackings prior to bottling after eighteen months without fining or filtration.

2007 Gigondas

"Potentially the finest Gigondas made here since their sublime 1978 (still going strong, by the way), the 2007 exhibits gorgeously sweet black currant, kirsch, and mineral notes intermixed with hints of cigar box and forest floor. Full-bodied with elegance married to considerable substance and power, a beautifully textured mouthfeel, and a long, heady finish, this will be a long-lived Gigondas. Give it 2-3 years of cellaring and enjoy it over the following 15 years. **92 pts**" RPJr

"Opaque ruby. Aromas of red and dark berries, smoky herbs, apricot and dried flowers. Spicy, finely etched black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors are framed by dusty tannins and lifted by a zesty mineral note. The minerality builds and carries through a long, spicy, focused finish. This one is built to reward patience. **92 pts**" Stephen Tanzer

"Bouquet forming gradually, some grilled notes, black fruit, leather tang, potential here. Good black fruit present, nice juiciness backed by lively tannins. Fruit persists on aftertaste. Drink from 2010. (18.88 pts)" Decanter
Rating: 5 stars

Domaine de Villeneuve is a small estate (8.4 hectares) situated in the northern sector of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The estates vineyards border Château Beaucastel on one side and Mont-Redon on the other. 90% of the vines are between 30 and 100+ years of age, with 75% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre, 8% Syrah, and 7% of other allowed varieties. The estate was purchased by the du Roy de Blicquy and Wallut families in 1993. Since then they have completely refurbished the estate. A modern winery was built under-ground over three levels to allow all operations to be carried out by gravity feed to eliminate the use of pumps. Ageing of the Grenache takes place in large enamel lined cement tanks and the Syrah and Mourvedre components are aged in large casks.

Using bio-dynamic practices the old vines were nursed back to health and only a small percentage of the vineyard was re-planted, mostly to Syrah and Mourvedre. Yields are kept at a very low 24 to 28 hectoliters per hectare, and the percentage of wine matured in barrels never exceeds 20% of the total. These are stylish wines of intensity, depth and grace that possess natural balance and moderate alcohol levels with no undue heaviness or extract.



2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes

"This estate did not offer their 2008 for tasting, but they have hit the bull's eye with their brilliant 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape. Aged 80% in tank and 20% in old barrels, this blend of 70% Grenache, 16% Mourvedre, and the rest Syrah, Cinsault, and the white grape Clairette is made from vines that average 65 years of age (some are over 100 years). This dense ruby/purple-hued offering smells like the essence of raspberry jam intermixed with boysenberries and blueberries. Exceptionally pure, with a layered mouthfeel and sweet tannin, this is undeniably the finest wine made by Proprietor Stanislas Wallut since he purchased Domaine de Villeneuve in 1992. The great oenologist Philippe Cambie consults at this biodynamically farmed property (over 75% of Cambie's Chateauneuf du Pape clients are biodynamically farmed vineyards – an impressive statistic). This 2007, which was bottled unfiltered, should drink beautifully for 15-20 years. It is undeniably a big-time sleeper of the vintage." RPJ

Owner of **Gros Noré**, Alain Pascal has 16 ha of vines in the prime sector of Cadiere d'Azur. They have an average age of 30 years. The first official vintage released was 1997. Prior to this, Alain's father, Honore (his name is shortened to 'Nore to give the name of the Domaine as Gros Noré = Fat Honore) worked the vineyards but never made his own wine. Instead he sold the grapes to another leading Bandol producer at that time, Chateau de Pibarnon.

Bandol is regarded as the First Growth of Provence producing the most serious, and well known, wines of Provence. The Mourvèdre grape variety is the basis of great Bandol with appellation laws requiring a minimum of 50% for the red wines (though many use up to 100% for some cuvees). As well as Mourvèdre (80%), the Gros' Noré red also has a dash of Grenache (15%), and old vine Cinsault (5%). The wine is aged for 18 months in old 60 hl wooden barrels (foudres). There are no new barriques used. Only one cuvee of red wine is produced, and it is bottled without fining or filtration.

2007 Bandol Rouge (Also available in Magnums).

"Deep purple to black in the glass, the wine lifts with spicy sweet confectionary like characters that integrate with herb, olive and some stone/mineral/graphite highlights. Very concentrated rich black fruit builds through a dense tannin filled, savoury palate with great concentration. 2007 stands as one of the great vintages for Mourvèdre and one of the greatest vintages for Bandol." David Burkett (Importer).



2007 Southern Rhone Order form

All wines listed here are pre-order items. Due to limited availability, only a few will make it onto the shelf. Please order promptly to ensure you secure the wines of your choice. Once we have received and processed your order, we will contact you to arrange delivery/pickup.

We are offering a further 10% discount for any purchase of 6 or more bottles (can be mixed).

	Normal	Ex-ship	Order	Sub
	Price	Price	Bottles	Total
Domaine de la Mordoree				
2008 Tavel, rosé 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'	\$54	\$46		
2007 Lirac, rouge 'La Dame Rousse'	\$40	\$34		
2007 Lirac, rouge 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'	\$62	\$53		
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée De La Reine Des Bois'	\$171	\$145		
Chateau Mont-Redon				
2007 Lirac Rouge	\$36	\$31		
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge	\$77	\$66		
Domaine de Marcoux				
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape	\$112	\$95		
Roger Sabon				
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Les Olivets'	\$70	\$59		
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée Reserve'	\$85	\$72		
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Cuvée Prestige'	\$132	\$112		
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Secret de Sabon'	\$465	\$395		
Domaine Raspail-Ay				
2007 Gigondas	\$50	\$42		
Domaine de Villeneuve				
2007 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieille Vignes	\$93	\$79		
Gros Nore				
2007 Bandol Rouge	\$69	\$59		
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