

France

Rhône

Domaine de la Solitude

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Secrète Réserve 2007

94 points | \$190 | 291 cases made | Red

Big, lush and mouthfilling, but with excellent definition, thanks to a nice graphite edge that holds the core of anise, roasted plum, hoisin sauce and macerated black currant fruit together. The long, powerful finish sets bittersweet cocoa and violet notes chime in. Syrah and Grenache. Best from 2012 through 2025. —J.M.

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cornelia Constanza 2007

93 points | \$120 | 291 cases made | Red

Rich and velvety, with a lovely mix of red and black fruits—currant, blackberry, cherry—laced with ample anise, fruitcake and incense notes. The anise edge helps drive the lengthy, dark finish. Grenache. Best from 2011 through 2023. —J.M.

Domaine du Banneret

Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2007

92 points | \$52 | 250 cases imported | Red

Packed but perfumy, with lovely mesquite, warm fig sauce and mulled spice aromatics giving way to sandalwood-framed flavors of raspberry, red currant and fruitcake. The long, rich finish sets tobacco and chestnut notes chime in. There's lots of range to this. The best vintage yet for this domaine. Drink now through 2025. —J.M.

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