



Jeb Dunnuck - The Wine Advocate : Southern Rhône (Part 2) – Jan 2015



VISAN - Like Vinsobres, Visan is located in the northern part of the appellation and is a cooler, windswept I that's getting more and more attention, but from Southern Rhône producers and from Northern Rhône producers. They produce reds, whites and roses.

Top Producers:

Domaine La Florane, Domaine de l'Echevin, Domaine de Coste Chaude, Michel Gassier, **Domaine Roche-Audran**

Domaine Roche-Audran - Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2012

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France, Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

Rating : 92

« A brilliant wine in the vintage that's made from 100% Grenache, the 2012 Châteauneuf du Pape offers stunning purity and focus in its blackberry, leather, garrigue and classic Châteauneuf du Pape meatiness. A medium to full-bodied effort, it has fine tannin, an elegant, seamless texture, building tannin and superb overall balance, all suggesting it will evolve nicely. This is a serious Châteauneuf, as well as a fabulous value, that's well worth checking out ».

Drink: 2015-2025





Domaine Roche-Audran - CESAR 2012

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France, Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

Rating : 91

« I missed getting this review into the first part of the Southern Rhone coverage, where this estate's Chateauneuf du Pape and other 2011s were covered. Looking at the latest release here, the 2012 Cotes du Rhone Villages Cesar is 100% Grenache that was brought up all in oak tronconique casks. It's a brilliant wine that has some sweet oak in its creamy licorice, black raspberry, cassis and vanilla bean-styled bouquet. This all flows nicely to a medium to full-bodied, sexy and fruit-loaded 2012 that has good mid-palate concentration, sweet tannin and a great finish. It's already hard to resist and I see no need to delay gratification either. Nevertheless, a drink window out to 2020 seems a safe bet ».

Drink: 2014-2020



Domaine Roche-Audran - CESAR 2011

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from France, Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France

Rating : 90

A beautiful wine that's made all from Grenache and 50 to 100-year-old vines, the 2011 Cesar offers up loads of black cherry, ground pepper, licorice and a touch of graphite. Medium to full-bodied, ripe, textured and seamless, it has good mid-palate depth and plenty of fine tannin. Drink this beauty over the coming 4-6 years.

Drink: 2014-2020

