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2016 St Antonin Principaute d'Orange Blanc

Made from Clairette and Chardonnay, the 2017 Principauté d'Orange Blanc is smoking good. Pear, citrus rind, and brioche all emerge from this layered, complex, gorgeous white that's better than most Châteauneuf du Papes. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated, and layered, it's a no-brainer purchase readers need to seek out. The Chardonnay was brought up all in barrel, and the Clairette in concrete.

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2016 St Antonin Côtes du Rhône Villages Plan de Dieu

Even better, the 2016 Côtes du Rhône Villages Plan de Dieu has to be one of the great wines from this appellation, which comes from an ocean of vines located on the valley floor between Vacqueyras and Cairanne. Made from 50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, and 20% Syrah brought up in foudre and demi-muids, it offers awesome notes of cassis, blackberries, spice box, and licorice. Ripe, full-bodied, and powerful, yet also balanced and pure, do your best to latch onto a few bottles.

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2016 St Antonin Côtes du Rhône

While there were no prices listed on these wines (I'm not sure who brings them into the United States), the 2016 Côtes du Rhône should be sought out by savvy buyers. Ripe, rounded, and incredibly sexy, with lots of kirsch and blackberry fruits, garrigue, and mineral notes, it has impeccable balance as well as purity of fruit. It's a knockout Côtes du Rhône to drink over the coming 3-4 years.

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2016 St Antonin Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The finest wine to date from this young estate (although it's made by unquestionably one of the finest winemakers out there), the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape is 100% Grenache sourced all from the sandy parts of the La Crau and Font du Loup lieux-dits. It got more than a few "Wows" in the notes and boasts a medium ruby color, heavenly notes of framboise, crushed flowers, and spice, full body, ultra-fine tannins, and an insane mix of power and elegance that's hard to describe. It's going to knock your socks off over the coming 15+ years.



Côtes du Rhône Villages PLAN DE DIEU

CLOS SAINT-ANTONIN Plan de Dieu 2016 ★★
n.c. 15 à 20 €

Un habitué du Guide, souvent en bonne place pour ses châteauneuf-du-pape, ses côtes-du-rhône et ses vins de pays. Un vignoble de 90 ha éparpillés en de multiples parcelles, que conduisent Christophe Sabon et sa sœur Isabelle, enfants d'Almé Sabon, fondateur du domaine en 1973. Un domaine complété en 2015 par l'achat du Clos Saint-Antonin, et ses 16 ha de vignes sur la commune de Jonquières.

Le nez mêle fruits rouges, épices et notes de sous-bois. Des arômes puissants mais doux, notamment une bouche Hake-aroncé, à l'ampleur et essouffée. Du caractère et du potentiel. ★ 2016/2025

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Côtes du Rhône Rouge

Rouge d'une belle longueur. ★ 2016/2021 ■ Clos Saint-Antonin 2016 ★ (8 à 11 €; 40000 l.) : cette cuvée provient à 80 % du grenache et se montre très lubrique tout au long de la dégustation par son fruit soyeux, sa souplesse et sa fraîcheur. ★ 2015/2021
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VALLÉE DU RHÔNE
Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2016, le millésime béni des dieux

100 % grenache, 100 % de la commune de Châteauneuf-du-Pape, élevé en fût de chêne. Éclatant en bouteille, 2016 impressionne par sa pureté et son équilibre. Note brute remarquable pour vous les plus belles opportunités d'achat de vins de France et du monde.

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CLOS SAINT ANTONIN
Nez sur le coulis de fruits noirs et les épices. Issu de safres, ce rouge est doté d'une chair dense et raffinée. On apprécie la qualité de sa texture. Un beau vin avec de la matière, du relief, du fond et du soyeux. 32 €

2016 Clos Saint Antonin Châteauneuf du Pape

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THE WINE CELLAR INSIDER

2016 Chateauneuf du Pape The Top 200 Wines of the Vintage

2016 Clos Saint Antonin – This new wine, from the owners of Domaine Janasse is loaded with garrigue, bayleaf, olives, cherries, black raspberries and thyme. Plush, round, silky, fresh and sweet, the combination of fresh and spicy really works here in the finish. This is quite an extraordinary first effort. The wine was made from 100% Grenache. **95**

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Clos St.-Antonin 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Châteauneuf Du Pape, Southern Rhône
Red wine from France
Drinking window:

Vivid ruby-red. Deep-pitched aromas of ripe red fruits, incense and exotic spices are lifted and sharpened by a smoky mineral element. Juicy and expansive on the palate, offering concentrated bitter cherry and raspberry flavors that flesh out and become sweeter as the wine opens up. Smooth, harmonious tannins give frame and grip to an extremely long, spice-accented finish that emphatically echoes the red fruit note.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: April 2018