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Notes From The Cellar "NFTC" Newsletter
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Year end deals and a 100 point Chateauneuf des Papes

Several of you were kind to compliment me on the rather lengthy piece I penned in last week's newsletter ["DI :The New Wine Paradigm shift?"](#) I am glad this was useful info. And appreciate the positive response.

For those of you who ordered the **07 Charbonniere CNDP** several weeks ago, The wine should arrive in Denver in the next few days and I am hopeful that we will be able to cover everyone. I will send out individual notices as soon as we get final numbers.

Champagne; we have gone back to the source for some more of the **1996 Duval -Leroy** that we had such a tremendous response to in late October see details [Duval-Leroy Champagne offer](#)

Another small amount came in to the Distributor, and, at the time I am writing there is a small quantity currently available. I am sure this will be gone by the time the New Year celebrations Kick in -if you want to get a few bottles or reload here is your chance.

There is a fair amount of last minute activities going on with the trade, as inventory is getting pushed out the door for the year end. I am scouting lists from distributors on a daily basis. I have managed to grab a few bottles of some amazing wines at crazy prices- including some very well priced **wines from Italy, France, Germany and California**. I also have several options for late harvest, & dessert wines- the quantities are too limited to feature here, so please contact me if you have an interest, or need a case or two before the upcoming holiday weekends.

Collector's corner :

Last but not least we got an offer this morning on a special package of the **top of the line** wine that **Jannase** produces-no other than the flagship old vine Chateauneuf **the Vieilles Vignes**.

Sold in a 3 pack combination: **2 of the 2006 and one of the 2007**. The 3 bottle package is priced at \$ 300!. This is less than what some retailers are charging for the 100 point rated 2007 bottle by itself (and in most cases for pre arrivals). Since most retailers are selling the 2006 at the \$100 level this is a great opportunity to purchase some incredible high end wine (organically farmed) that will make a fantastic addition to any serious cellar. **The wine is in stock but quantities are extremely limited.**

Domaine de la JANASSE Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Vieilles Vignes

A special 3 pack: 2 x 2006 & 1 x 2007

\$315.00, or \$300-/-for the 3- with our cash discount (checks are ok)

(compare to \$500+)

Here is a little of what **Mr. Parker** had to say in The Wine Advocate:

"Young Christophe Sabon, with his sister by his side and his father in the background, is doing as great a job turning out terrific wines as any vigneron in the world. With nearly 200 acres of vineyards, 45 of them old vines situated in Chateauneuf du Pape, there is enormous potential, all of it being exploited. The 1998s, 1999s, 2000s, and 2001s were all fabulous at this estate, the 2003s were slightly irregular as well as tannic, the 2005s were great, the 2006s are fabulous, and the 2007s may be the sine qua non of all his vintages.... Janasse's 2007 Chateauneuf du Papes are outrageous, all of which performed brilliantly despite having just completed their malolactics after 11 months of fermentation. With all of the excitement over the 2007s, readers should not forget just how great Janasse's 2006s have turned out. They are performing as well as they did last year, perhaps even better."

On the 2006: score 96 points: "Inky/blue/purple, with massive aromatics, an unctuous texture, and superb length on the palate, it is enormously endowed for a 2006. Very pure for a 2006, with sweet tannins as well as amazing length, it will benefit from several years of cellaring, and drink well for 20-25 years."

On the 2007: score 100 points: "The perfect 2007 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes (tasted on four separate occasions) is composed of 85% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and the rest Mourvedre and other authorized varietals from 60- to 100+-year-old vines. The wine is aged in both tank (75%) and small oak barrels (25%). Its inky/purple color is followed by a phenomenal nose of spring flowers, creme de cassis, blackberries, boysenberries, licorice, truffles, and spice. Displaying massive body, incredible freshness, laser-like focus from the excellent acids, and a finish that goes



on well past a minute, this prodigious Chateauneuf du Pape is the most extraordinary wine yet made at this estate. While accessible (as most 2007s are), ideally it needs 4-5 years of cellaring, and should keep for three decades".

Thanks for all your support and referrals.

Tell your friends, share the wine, & spread the good vibe. Cheers!

Paul David, Chief Fermented Grape Taster.

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