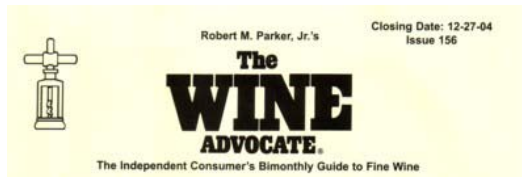


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PAUL AUTARD	2003 CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE	RED (89-91)
<p>Autard has been on fire qualitatively since 1998, and a strong argument can be made that while his 1998s may be this estate's finest efforts over the last six years, the two cuvées of 2003s are at the same level. The deep rubypurple-tinted 2003 Châteauneuf du Pape exhibits aromas and flavors of vanilla, black cherries, raspberries, and cumin. Medium to full-bodied with hints of spice as well as new saddle leather, earth, balsam wood, and resin notes, this attractive, slightly tannic 2003 will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age, and drink well for 10-12. The opulent, concentrated, more modern-</p>	<p>2003 Châteauneuf du Pape La Côte Ronde saw some bampue aging. It boasts a dense rubypurple color as well as a sweet nose of black cumin, tobacco, cigar smoke, and pain grillé. Copious quantities of black currant and cherry fruit are found on the full-bodied, concentrated palate. Impressive levels of glycerin, moderate tannin, and loads of alcohol as well as fruit emerge from this deep, concentrated 2003. Anticipated maturity: 2007-2016. Represented by Russell Herman, Berkeley Heights, NJ, tel: (908) 771-0062. Various American importers.</p>	<p>RED (91-94)</p>