

Paul Autard's Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2003 Ranks in Wine Spectator's "The Top 100"



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Paul Autard

Châteauneuf-du-Pape
2003 92 / \$35

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Jean-Paul Autard is fast becoming one of the best-known winemakers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. His '03 is a blend of 60 percent Grenache and 30 percent Syrah, with some Mourvèdre and Counoise. In 2000, Autard replaced his old *foudres* with small *barrisques* to help preserve more fruit detail. This traditional-style Châteauneuf-du-Pape sees only about 5 percent new oak. 4,000 cases made.



81 92 **Paul Autard** Châteauneuf-du-Pape
2003 \$35 Nearly candied up front, with a hard shell around the black cherry and boysenberry fruit flavors, but sweet mocha, spice and mineral notes emerge in the end, where fine-grained tannins carry the finish. A beauty that should develop nicely. Best from 2008 through 2020. 4,000 cases made.—J.M. (8/31/05)