

High praise for Paul Autard's 2004s and 2005s From Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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Domaine Paul Autard. 2005 Châteauneuf du Pape: Inky violet. Deeply concentrated, ripe scents of *kirsch* and cured meat. Deep, powerful cherry and dark berry flavors lead to chunky tannins and a long, chewy finish. This muscular wine will need some cellar time. 87-90.

2005 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée La Côte Ronde: Ruby-red. Remarkably expressive bouquet of musky plum, cherry, lavender, rose oil and cured tobacco. Dense and chewy, with deeply concentrated cherry and dark berry flavors; exotic spice notes build with air. Finishes impressively deep and rich, with firm tannins supporting the intense cherry/berry fruit. Serious stuff, and built for the long haul. 93-96.

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape (\$40): Deep red. Intense raspberry and candied cherry on the nose. Smoky dark plum and *kirsch* flavors are impressively focused and concentrated, with a suggestion of game arriving on the back. The lingering finish features supple tannins and flavors of ripe dark berries and *garrigue*. 90.

2004 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée La Côte Ronde (\$55): Dark ruby. Smoky cherry, black raspberry and chocolate on the nose, all lifted by a bright mineral tone. Round and juicy, showing deep cassis and *kirsch* flavors and intriguing iron and dried lavender notes. Pure flavors of dark berries and roasted plum on the long, spicy finish. Very rich and ripe but with very good balance. 91.