

## Domaine Paul Autard Featured in Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

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### Other Recommended Southern Rhône Wines

**Domaine Paul Autard.** 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape: Inky ruby. Exotically perfumed nose displays cherry, dark berries, musky herbs and incense, plus a suave mineral undertone. Firm and vibrant, with no excess fat and vivid red and dark fruit flavors. Gains weight, flesh and deeper dark berry flavors on the finish, which leaves behind bitter cherry and licorice notes. Pretty serious, and built to age. 90-93. 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée La Côte Ronde: Bright ruby-red. Powerful aromas of *kirsch*, blackcurrant, licorice and cured meat. On the brooding side, with dense, chewy dark fruit and cherry-vanilla flavors and suggestions of candied rose and black tea. Gains a bit of energy on the finish but then shuts down. I hope that I caught this in a sullen mood. 88-91. 2007 Châteauneuf du Pape Juline: Inky purple. Lavishly oak-spiced aromas of cassis, blackberry jam and *kirsch*. Cherry-vanilla and cola flavors are round and sweet, with soft tannins adding structure. Impresses with power if not finesse, finishing with strong oak spice and dark berry preserve flavor. Defiantly modern: I wonder how long it will take for the fruit to crawl out from under the assertive oak. 87-90?. 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape (\$45): Medium red. Seductive, perfumed aromas of fresh red berries and cherry complicated by *garrigue*, olive and woodsmoke. The palate displays darker notes of deep cherry and plum, with velvety tannins adding support. Finishes sappy and nicely persistent. 89. 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée La Côte Ronde (\$65): Saturated ruby. Powerful aromas of *kirsch*, lavender, soy sauce and smoked meat, with sexy Asian spices adding energy. Deeply concentrated, palate-coating dark berry fruit flavors show a chewy texture, with firm tannins adding grip. This could pass for a 2005. The spicy finish doesn't want to let up. Very young, serious wine that should not be opened for a long time. 92(+?). 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape Juline (\$100): Deep, bright ruby. Exotic, room-filling bouquet of black raspberry, boysenberry, incense, lavender and smoky herbs. Fleishy and sweet, with open-knit dark berry and floral pastille flavors and hints of vanilla and cola. The finish is broad, sappy and very smooth. Already alluring and delicious. 91.