

Domaine de la Charbonnière

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**RED CHATEAUNEUF DU PAPE
VINTAGE 2007**

Cuvée "Domaine"

70% Grenache (1940s-1950s), 15% Syrah (1987), 15% Mourvèdre (1960s), destemmed, 3-week vinification, pumping overs, part vat emptying/refilling, cap punching, vat raised 8 months, unfinned, filtered, 10,000 b

2007 ★★★

full red; gummy, initially reductive bouquet that carries mild cherry – it is broad and has potential. The palate red fruit runs smoothly and surely, is very suave and silken in texture. It has a herb thread in the flavour, and ends on a red cherry, liqueur, mainstream modern note. It is not especially full, and shows a sprinkle of late freshness. Very primary now, and will be more varied from 2011. Can drink early, without that extra variety. 2020-21 Nov 2008

Cuvée Mourre des Perdrix

70% Grenache (1950s-1960s), 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre from Le Mouure des Perdrix at Courthézon, Grenache steel vat fermented then large barrel raised 8 months, Syrah & Mourvèdre fermented and raised in oak vats 8 months, then assembled wine vat raised 6 more months, unfinned, filtered, 20-25,000 b

2007 ★★★(★)

(vat) full red; the nose is cautious, bearing simmered red fruits that have a redcurrant jelly or raspberry lateral air that is rather refined. There are some sweet spice and herb trimmings, and a tone of some reduction. The palate's fruit is led by red cherries with some extra darkness such as mulberry. The entrance of a toffee flavour after half way suggests some oaking. As per the reduction, it is a sealed wine that needs to air. Late on come spice and pepper to get it up. Steady, not flashy wine that I reckon can get there. From late 2010. 2021-23 Nov 2008.

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