

# Domaine de la Charbonnière



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Notes de dégustation – Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc 2006

One of the revelations of my [recent trip](#) to the Rhône Valley was the white winemaking revolution that has been taking place there (as hinted at in Tuesday's [wine of the week](#)). I'll be publishing an overview of this exciting phenomenon a week tomorrow but in the meantime here are tasting notes on 65 2006 white Châteauneufs, to more than a third of which I gave a score of at least 17. This was not just the Christmas spirit of generosity.

These wines are good! So *interesting* – and very useful for matching with substantial food (none of them are low in alcohol unfortunately). See for example my account of [New Year's Night dinner](#). Those people who are finding it increasingly difficult to find reliable and good value white burgundy for their cellars should really consider exploring this new territory – although they are best drunk within the first few years (the 2006s and 2005s are looking very nice now) or after seven years or so. They go all surly in middle age. See next Saturday for more detail.

**Dom de la Charbonnière 2006 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc 17 Drink 2009-12**

Interesting mineral notes on this young wine already with some white peach flavour too. More acid than most and still slightly reserved.