



# Domaine Charvin

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Chateauneuf-du-Pape

Laurent Charvin runs this small family estate located in the north of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The domaine has vineyard holdings of just 8 hectares in Chateauneuf-du-Pape and 13 hectares in Cotes du Rhone. The average age of the vineyards is over 50 years old with the oldest being nearly 80 years of age. Laurent Charvin describes his vineyard site as being 'cool' for Chateauneuf as their vines are mostly planted on sandy north facing slopes.



Charvin produces finely styled Grenache based wines showing great depth and finesse (approximately 80% Grenache for each wine with small amounts of Vaccarisse and Mourvedre as well as small amounts of Carignan and Bourboulenc for the Cotes du Rhone). Winemaking is traditional with no de-stemming and all ageing is done in cement tanks. No wood is used for the élevage of either wine. There are no secrets here, simply old vines, very low yields and minimal winemaking intervention. The Cotes du Rhone is regularly rated as one of the very best from this area.

## Rated #4 "Fastest improving producer" Rhone Valley - Wine Report 2009

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**Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate #185, Oct 2009**

**2008 Domaine Charvin Cotes du Rhone le Poutet**

**2008 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape** (DUE MAY 2011)

*"Charvin's 2008 Chateauneuf du Pape is one of the sexiest, most seductive and complete wines of the vintage. It is a testament to the impeccable farming and work that Laurent Charvin does. A complex bouquet of spring flowers, black cherries, raspberries, and forest floor is both intense and elegant. With considerable depth for a 2008, a lovely silkiness, and a seductive finish, it will drink beautifully upon release, and should age nicely for 7-8 years."*

**88-90pts Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate**

*"Bright red. Fresh strawberry and raspberry on the nose, along with nuances of smoky underbrush and baking spices. With its graceful red fruit and candied floral flavors and silky texture, this reminds me of a ripe pinot noir. A note of blood orange adds lift and cut to the juicy, focused, long finish. I really like this wine's precision and light touch."* **90pts Steve Tanzer**

**2006 Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf du Pape** (750ml SOLD-OUT, just a few magnums remain in stock)

*"A tank-fermented and aged blend of 85% Grenache and equal parts Syrah, Mourvedre, and Vaccarisse, this is a seamless beauty, a wine of admirable finesse and elegance, much in the style of the old vintages from Rayas under the late Jacques Reynaud. Gorgeous kirsch liqueur jumps from the glass of this dark ruby/purple-tinged wine. Fabulous texture, superb purity, compelling elegance and length all result in a wine of great Provencal typicity and a classic Chateauneuf du Pape that has seen no manipulation or makeup whatsoever. This wine should drink well young and evolve for 12-16 or more years. Laurent Charvin is carrying on as one of the most passionate, committed young vigneron of Chateauneuf du Pape and seems to go from strength to strength with his winemaking."* **93-95pts Robert Parker—The Wine Advocate**

