



## 2005 Domaine de Cristia Chateauneuf du Pape

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from , Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

WA # , #173 (Oct 2007)

Rating: 90

Drink 2007 - 2019

Cost: \$23-\$40

The 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape possesses a dark ruby/purple color in addition to a classic Provencal nose of roasted herbs, ground pepper, lavender, balsam wood, and kirsch. This thick, juicy, full-bodied Chateauneuf reveals sweet tannin as well as tangy acidity. It can be drunk now or cellared for 10-12+ years. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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Drink 2007 - 2022

Cost:

The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape is an up-front, forward wine exhibiting a deep ruby/purple color as well as a sweet nose of black cherries, cassis, incense, and smoky licorice. Round, rich, full, and opulent, it is a sensual wine to enjoy over the next 10-15 years. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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### **2005 Domaine de Cristia Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Renaissance**

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from , Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

WA # , #173 (Oct 2007)

Rating: 95

Drink 2012 - 2025

Cost: \$56-\$85

The 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Renaissance (70% old vine Grenache aged in neutral wood and 30% Mourvedre aged in small oak casks) possesses a dense purple color as well as complex aromatics of soy, blueberries, blackberries, charcoal, and truffles. Deep, concentrated, dense, and rich, it has even more structure than the Vieilles Vignes cuvee (no doubt due to the Mourvedre component), but is somewhat more forward in the mouthfeel. Again, patience will be required. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2025. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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A Grenache Dry Red Table wine from , Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

WA # , #173 (Oct 2007)

Rating: 96

Drink 2012 - 2025

Cost: \$62-\$90

One of the vintage's most compelling efforts is Cristia's 2005 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes. It boasts a dense purple hue along with spectacular aromas of camphor, creosote, incense, blackberries, and caramelized cherries. Made from 100% old vine Grenache and aged in neutral small oak casks, this spectacularly rich wine exhibits a multilayered texture, fabulous density, and a finish that lasts nearly 60 seconds. It is an amazing, even prodigious Chateauneuf du Pape, but patience will be required. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2025+. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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Review by [Robert Parker](#)

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Rating: (92-95)

Drink 2007 - 2022

Cost:

The 2006 Chateauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes' intense ruby/purple color gives way to a full-bodied, supple-textured, expansive, savory wine offering notes of licorice, acacia flowers, creme de cassis, and sweet black cherries. Earthy, rich, forward, and supple, it is one of the most concentrated wines of the vintage. It should drink beautifully young, yet evolve nicely for 12-15 years. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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### **2006 Domaine de Cristia Cotes du Rhone**

A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from , Cotes du Rhone, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

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Rating: 87

Drink 2007 - 2011

Cost: \$15

As one might expect, this estate can't do anything wrong at present, and both their cuvees of Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Rhone-Villages are beautifully made, soft, luscious wines with the 2006 Cotes du Rhone delivering loads of strawberry and cherry fruit, a bit of pepper and tobacco leaf, and excellent character. It is best drunk over the next 3-4 years. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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A Proprietary Blend Dry Red Table wine from , Cotes du Rhone Villages, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

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Rating: 88

Drink 2007 - 2011

Cost: \$17

Even better is the 2006 Cotes du Rhone-Villages, which has a darker color, more pepper, more fruit than the regular bottling, and oodles of kirsch liqueur and spice. It is best drunk over the next 3-4 years. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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### **2006 Domaine de Cristia Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc**

A Proprietary Blend Dry White Table wine from , Chateauneuf du Pape, Southern Rhone, Rhone, France,

Review by [Robert Parker](#)

WA # , #173 (Oct 2007)

Rating: 90

Drink -

Cost: \$40

Cristia's 2006 white Chateauneuf du Pape reveals notes of spring flowers, white currants, honeyed citrus, no wood, but delicious fruit and fresh acidity in a nice, medium to full-bodied style with excellent texture and length. Proprietors Alain and Baptiste Grangeon have re-written this estate's book on quality in a short period of time. Domaine de Cristia, which has rapidly become one of the appellation's most dramatically improved estates, has expanded their operation to include some negociant selections bottled under the moniker, Cristia Collection. However, the Chateauneuf du Papes are only made from the estate vineyards and are bottled under the estate label. They are all noteworthy efforts. In 2006, the estate did not have enough high quality Mourvedre to produce a Cuvee Renaissance, so that fruit was all blended into the Vieilles Vignes offering. Importer: A Christopher Cannan Selection, various American importers including Michael Skurnik, Syosset, NY; tel. (516) 677-9300 and Diamond Wine Merchants, Oakland, CA; tel. (510) 567-9897

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