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#### 2006 Domaine de Beaurenard Chateauneuf du Pape

Ruby-red. Powerful dark berry and cherry aromas are complicated by tobacco and garrigue, with a subtle peppery quality coming up with air. Firm tannins support bitter cherry and dark chocolate flavors. Finishes with good peppery lift. This shut down with air, picking up a gentle herbal character.

#### 2005 Domaine de Beaurenard Chateauneuf du Pape

(\$57) Bright ruby. Spicy red berries on the nose, with suave cinnamon and clove qualities adding interest. Ripe cherry and blackberry flavors are supported by supple tannins, which add subtle grip to the long, juicy finish. Balanced to age but delicious now.

#### 2005 Domaine de Beaurenard Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Boisrenard

(\$91) Inky ruby. Exotically perfumed nose offers a striking array of red and dark berries, flowers and garrigue Fresh cherry and boysenberry flavors are sweetened by vanillin oak and candied licorice, finishing with gentle grip and superb persistence. Leaves a lingering spicy quality on the palate, along with clinging dark fruit preserves. (New Castle Imports, Myrtle Beach, SC)

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