



SPECTATOR'S SELECTION

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape « Boisrenard » Rouge 2009

96 points - \$75 - 750 cases made

This powerful red offers a muscular core of roasted fig, blackberry and cassis fruit framed by thick, mesquite-tinged tannins, with loads of tobacco, pepper and tar coating the finish. Yet despite its power, this is racy and defined, with mouth-watering cut on the finish, where the mesquite note lingers. Ambitiously toasty, yet fully integrated. On par with superb 2001 and 2005 vintages. Best from 2014 through 2024. – J.M.

Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge 2009

92 points - \$47 - 5000 cases made

Shows nice grip, but is also accessible now, with licorice and warm pebble notes embedded in the core of crushed plum, fig and cassis. There's a flash of bitter orange on the finish. Drink now through 2020. – J.M.

Domaine de Beurenard Côtes du Rhône-Villages Rasteau « Les Argiles Bleues » Rouge 2009

91 points - \$33 - 600 cases made

Dark and toasty, exhibiting a coffee edge to the plum sauce, blueberry, black currant and anise flavors. A cocoa powder note lingers on the full-bodied finish, which has a fine buried mineral edge as well. Should age nicely, too. Drink now through 2014. – J.M.