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Domaine de Beurenard is a consistent estate that has been making top-notch wines for as long as I have been writing about wine, which is now 28+ years. In fact, the 1929 tasted a year ago still had some life left in it. In any event, the Coulon family, who have been major estate bottlers not only in Châteauneuf du Pape but also in Rasteau, have an almost unmatched record of quality and were one of the first to begin making a more progressive style of Châteauneuf du Pape – purer, cleaner, with more fruit, without sacrificing Provençal typicity.

(91-93) - Châteauneuf du Pape DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD 2005

2005 looks like a great vintage for the Coulons, with the 2005 Châteauneuf du Pape superb with notes of melted licorice, white chocolate, blackberry, and sweet cherry. There's some smoke and Provençal herbs also mixed in the complex aromatics. In the mouth it is full-bodied, moderately tannic, with outstanding depth, richness, and purity. This wine will benefit from 1-2 years of bottle age and drink well for 15 or so years. Drink 2008-2022

(92 - 95) - Châteauneuf du Pape *Boisrenard* 2005

The brilliant modern school of winemaking is well-represented by the inky purple-colored 2005 Châteauneuf du Pape Boisrenard. With well-integrated oak and pure creme de cassis notes intermixed with licorice, truffle, espresso roast, and chocolate, the wine is dense, pure, rich, complex, and capable of lasting two decades. It is another stunning wine and has the potential to be the best Boisrenard since the 2001 or 1998. Anticipated maturity: 2011-2025.