

## France, Southern Rhône: The Elegant and Lively 2015s and Heavenly 2016s



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### 2015 Domaine La Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape

The 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape from the young Julien Barrot is a perfumed, elegant release that's loaded with notions of currants, kirsch, licorice, and spice. It's silky, elegant, ethereally textured and long, with the freshness and classic style of the vintage. As usual, the classic cuvée is a blend of roughly 60% Grenache, 18% Mourvèdre and the balance Clairette Rose, Cinsault, Syrah, and Vaccarèse, fermented all in concrete tanks and aged mostly in foudre. 2,500 cases.

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### 2015 Domaine La Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure

Offering more kirsch liqueur, lavender, incense and sweet spice, the 2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pure is another gorgeous, balanced, seamless beauty. Fine tannin, full-bodied richness, and solid freshness all develop in the glass, and it has a great finish. Like the traditional cuvée, it's elegant, long, and will keep for 15+ years. This cuvée is always from the same parcel located at the intersection of the le Grand Pierre, le Pointu and Rayas lieux-dits, is fermented all in concrete and spends 18 months in a single foudre. There are only 250 cases produced and it's year in, year out, one of the greatest Grenache's made in the world.

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2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature	Red	95
2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure	Red	99+

Julien Barrot has hit a home run in 2010 and these wines are without a doubt some of the finest he has yet produced. While he previously released a younger vine Terroir and a Syrah dominated Cuvée Fiancée bottling in the past, he is now focusing on just two cuvees; the Signature being a traditional Châteauneuf-du-Pape blend, and the Pure bottling focusing on a single plot of ancient Grenache vines. For the 2010 Signature, I was able to taste from two separate bottles, one that had just been opened, and one that had been opened and decanted earlier in the day. Both showed brilliantly and it was nice to see the vivid energy and edge in the just opened bottle, and the richness and depth from the decanted version (which I rated higher). On the Cuvée Pure, I was only able to taste a newly opened bottle and it showed the same vivid structure and overall energetic texture that was present in the undecanted Signature bottling. The Cuvée Pure in general also normally shows noticeably better with a year or so in bottle, so to have it show this impressively now is telling. Do not miss the chance to grab a couple (or as many as you can afford) bottles of this if at all possible! Website: [www.domainelabarroche.com](http://www.domainelabarroche.com)

**2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$55**  
Easily the best vintage of this cuvee I have ever tasted and a rock star Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the 2010 Domaine la Barroche Signature, 65% Grenache, 15% Mourvedre, 12% Syrah, and the balance Cinsault, offers up an extraordinary bouquet of black cherry liqueur, framboise, licorice, ground pepper, and sweet garrigue that flows to a full-bodied, seamless wine that has gorgeous freshness, solid structure, and an overall elegant, pure profile. Incredibly polished and perfectly balanced, this will benefit from short to mid-term cellaring, and have 15+ years or more of total longevity. (95 pts.)

**2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure (France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape) \$120**  
Knowing that this cuvee always seems to show even better after a year or two in bottle, it is safe to say that the 2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure is monumental Châteauneuf-du-Pape that represents the essence of Grenache! A blend of 100% Grenache that comes from sandy soils, it delivers a thrilling array of kirsch liqueur, spring flowers, saddle leather, pepper, and massive crushed stone and gunpowder-like nuances that come through with additional airtime. Very structured on the palate, with a vivacious, energetic texture, this full-bodied beauty has layers of fruit and texture, awesome freshness, and a blockbuster finish. Give bottles a year or two, and then drink over the following 20 years. (99+ pts.)



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2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature	Red	90-93+
2007 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure	Red	99
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#### 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Terroir *(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape)*

The estate's entry level wine and a blend of 95% Grenache and 5% Mourvèdre, the 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Terroir is a soft, supple Châteauneuf that delivers loads of kirsch, licorice, white pepper, and mineral aromatics, medium body, and fresh, clean palate. There's light tannin on the finish, but this has a very upfront, perfumed feel that seems best suited for consuming over the coming 5-8 years. **(90 pts.)**

#### 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature *(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape)*

Checking in at 15.8% alcohol and showing more fruit and intensity than the Terroir bottling, the 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature is a beauty. A blend of 66% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 13% Syrah, and 6% Cinsault that's aged primarily in large foudre, the wine shows a slightly exotic profile with perfumed notes of Bing cherries, rose petal, and spiced meat on the nose, a medium-bodied, supple, silky mouth feel, and ripe tannin on the finish. Certainly lighter styled with elegance and finesse being the buzzwords, this should benefit from a year or three in the cellar, and have upwards of a decade of longevity. **(92 pts.)**

#### 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure *(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape)*

Sporting a light red, transparent color, the 2009 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure is 100% Grenache that comes from a single, sandy plot of very old vines. Aged all in foudre, the wine is surprisingly approachable and finesse driven, showing the essence of kirsch liqueur and red fruits, with perfumed notes of white pepper, spice, garrigue, and floral nuances all showing up with air. Very fresh and pure, the wine is medium to full-bodied and beautifully balanced on the palate, showing a light, weightless texture, sweet fruit, and ultra-fine tannin on the finish. This noticeably darkened in color with air, and gained richness and structure, leading me to believe it will benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age, with 10-12 years of solid drinking. At this early stage, it seems to be an accessible vintage for this cuvee that will ultimately lag behind the '05, and '07, and possibly the '06. **(95 pts.)**

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Showing gorgeous level of fruit and minerality, the 2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature looks more than promising with a full-bodied, balanced palate, loads of texture, and a classic, long finish. It will most likely benefit from short to mid-term cellaring, and age gracefully for upwards of 12-15 years. **(90-93+ pts.)**

#### 2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure *(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape)*

More impressive than the '09, the 2010 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure, tasted out of foudre, shows the hallmark purity and of the vintage (as well as the estate), possessing layered aromas of black cherries, licorice, lavender, white chocolate, and exotic spice, full body, and a seamless, polished feel. Very fine tannins kick in on the finish and the balance and length here are superb. Given the track record of this wine, I think it will benefit from 3-5 years of bottle age, and while I'm unsure of the ultimate aging potential here, I don't see any reason this won't continue to evolve and age effortlessly for 15+ years. **(94-97+ pts.)**

#### 2007 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure *(France, Rhône, Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape)*

Continuing to show better and better, and about as good as wine gets, the 2007 Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Pure displays a heavenly perfume of kirsch, rolled stone, licorice, and crushed flowers that just comes soaring from the glass. Despite the overall intensity to the aromas, the wine remains finesse driven with an overall elegant, complex, seamless character. Full-bodied and power on the palate, with a captivating, pure, silky texture, gorgeous concentration, and a blockbuster finish, this monumental effort is one brilliant drink at the moment, and I don't see any reason this will change over the coming 10 to 15 years either. **(99 pts.)**