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LEPLAN-VERMEERSCH

This tiny estate is owned by Dirk Vermeersch and daughter Ann (he of auto racing fame). They don't make much Chateauneuf du Pape, about two or three barrels at most, as there is much more of his Cotes du Rhones, which were reviewed favorably as Best Buys in Issue 196. However, if you have access to either of these Chateauneuf du Papes, don't hesitate to check them out.

2010 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE GT-1

(95-97) "Even more prodigious is the 2010 Chateauneuf du Pape GT-1. This is pedal-to-the-metal (pardon the pun), inky, thick, viscous, super-concentrated Chateauneuf du Pape. The wine has unbelievable notes of blackberry, black raspberry and cherry intermixed with licorice, spice box and pepper. It is super-powerful, full-bodied, and I am sure tips the scales with about the same alcoholic clout as the 2009, but again it is disguised beneath the luxurious fruit level. This wine should drink well for two decades or more." - Robert Parker

2009 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE GT-1

94 "Made from 40-year-old, 100% Grenache and aged in demi-muids for 12 months prior to bottling, the 2009 Chateauneuf du Pape GT-1 hit 16% natural alcohol, but you would never know it. Notes of plums, figs, black cherry jam and licorice are explosive out of the gate. This ruby/purple-colored wine is full-bodied, has oodles of Provencal typicity and an unctuously textured, lusty finish. Drink it over the next decade or more." - Robert Parker



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