



## PEGAU CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE CUVÉE LAURENCE

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION



<b>Country</b>	France
<b>Region</b>	Rhone
<b>Sub-Region</b>	Châteauneuf du Pape
<b>Vintage</b>	2012
<b>Producer</b>	Domaine du Pegau
<b>Composition</b>	80% Grenache, 6% Syrah, 4% Mourvèdre, 10% Other
<b>Press</b>	96 points Wine Advocate 96 points Wine Spectator 93 points Wine Enthusiast

#### WINEMAKER NOTES

Domaine du Pegau is an estate bottler of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, owned by Paul Féraud and his daughter Laurence. Recognized as one of the top estates in Châteauneuf, its wines are considered among the world's greatest. Though supply is far outweighed by demand, prices remain reasonable for those able to seek out and purchase these wines.

#### TASTING NOTES

The nose features notes of garrigue, with hints of prunes and leather. Cinammon, pepper, and grilled meat on the palate, with a complex, spicy finish.

#### PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

Serve with game, sauce dishes, truffles, and blue cheeses.

#### VINEYARD

- **Terroir:** Mainly covered with pebbles, clay-limestone mixture with ferric tendency and sand

#### VINIFICATION

Manual harvesting. No de-stemming. All varieties are co-fermented in a concrete tank for 10 days, including crushing, maceration, and alcoholic fermentation without addition of yeasts and without temperature control. In the beginning, the Cuvée Laurence is identical to the Cuvée Reservée. Only on specific vintages, Laurence Féraud will hand select a single



EVERY BOTTLE



TELLS A STORY

foudre of Cuvée Reservée to hold back and become Cuvée Laurence.

## PRESS

"Previously unreviewed by The Wine Advocate, the 2012 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee Laurence is 80% Grenache, 6% Syrah, 4% Mourvèdre and the balance a mix of other authorized varieties. After approximately four years in foudre, it shows intense scents of leather, cherries, apricots and cocoa. It's full-bodied and supple, approachable now but capable of aging for up to two decades. It's a terrific example of this cuvée and how Grenache can benefit from extended élevage." - 96 points, Joe Czerwinski, *Wine Advocate*

"A throwback style and proud of it, with warm chestnut and bay leaf notes taking the lead, followed quickly by worn leather and smoldering tobacco accents. The core of dark currant, warmed cherry and mulled blackberry lies in reserve for now, while the finish lets singed iron and brick dust details hold sway. Just wait for everything to pull together in the cellar. Best from 2020 through 2032. 1,250 cases made." — 96 points, JM, *Wine Spectator*

"Pegau's Cuvée Laurence is aged in wood for longer than the Cuvée Reservée, but is otherwise nearly identical. The 2012 version is full-bodied, dense and richly textured, redolent of liniment, horse tack and garrigue, yet backed by ample cherry and plum fruit. Drink now–2025." - 93 points, *Wine Enthusiast*

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