

# Wine Spectator

## Kristen Bieler's Recommended Wines From the Rhône Valley

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### TOP 2023s

WINE	SCORE	PRICE
<b>DOMAINE DE LA VIEILLE JULIENNE</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape <b>Réserve 2023</b> Ripe, with a powerful, dense, beguiling mix of violet, fig paste, bitter cocoa and anise root, all underscored by smoldering cast iron.	98	\$325
<b>DOMAINE DE LA VIEILLE JULIENNE</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape <b>Les Hauts-lieux 2023</b> Massive in scale, yet there's real nuance and balance to the broad range of fig, fleshy plum and licorice flavors. Brooding and pure.	97	\$119
<b>GRAEME &amp; JULIE BOTT</b> Côte-Rôtie Lieu-Dit Fongean 2023 Balancing its ample weight with elegant grace, this powerful red is silky and rich, with a gush of blackberry pâte de fruit and herbs.	96	\$NA
<b>CLOS DES PAPES</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2023 This stunning red walks the line between dense ripeness and finesse, with layers of complex fruit, salted and dried plum, and licorice.	96	\$175
<b>FAMILLE ISABEL FERRANDO</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape White <b>Cuvée Spéciale Vieilles Clairettes St.-Préfert 2023 (1.5L)</b> A round, complex version that stays remarkably fresh, with flavors of yellow fruit and star fruit woven with crushed stone and fleur de sel.	96	\$420
<b>CHÂTEAU DE ST.-COSME</b> Gigondas Hominis Fides 2023 Sturdy yet sleek, with concentrated waves of black currant and plum encased in a serious robe of solid iron and powered by lifted acidity.	96	\$165
<b>DOMAINE LA BARROCHE</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape White <b>Pure 2023</b> Densely packed, balancing rich fruit (creamed apple and melon) and stylish toastiness with bitter grapefruit acidity on a firm structure.	95	\$198
<b>CHÂTEAU DE BEAUCASTEL</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2023 Dark and dense, offering power and concentration, with blackberry, violet and plum alongside black pepper, salt-cured meat and iron.	95	\$100
<b>DOMAINE DE BEAURENARD</b> Châteauneuf-du-Pape White <b>Boisrenard 2023</b> Expressive and juicy, this big, rich white shows excellent energy and balance, evoking mandarin orange and yellow peach on a ripe palate.	95	\$120
<b>DOMAINE DES BOSQUETS</b> Gigondas Le Plateau... 2023 Strapping, broad and brooding, offering dark layers of dense ripe fruit around a spine of iron, with an herbaceous streak weaving through.	95	\$88
<b>GRAEME &amp; JULIE BOTT</b> Côte-Rôtie Lieu-Dit Lancement 2023 Stylish, rich, ripe and beautifully textured, with a velvety thread of crushed blackberry detailed with lavender, black pepper and licorice.	95	\$NA