

## Domaine Charvin

A Father and Son Team. Traditional Organic Viticulture. Velvety Chateauneuf-du-Pape.

"This small, 20-acre estate owned by the Charvin family is located in the northwest sector of the Chateauneuf du Pape appellation. It has long been one of my favorites for the elegance, purity and sensuality of the wines." - Robert Parker

Gerard Charvin and his son, Laurent, represent the quintessence of the small domaine/father and son team. They have only 8 ha. of Châteauneuf du Pape, and half of that they sell off to negociants, including some of the best known brands in the region.

They keep their best lots for Domaine Charvin Chateauneuf-du-Pape.

What goes into their Châteauneuf is about 82% Grenache and the rest Mourvèdre, Syrah, and Vaccarese from their vines averaging about 50 years of age (the oldest being 80 years). Together they combine the experience and patience of Gerard with the wine making brilliance of Laurent, now regarded as one of the top winemakers in the appellation.

Words that come to mind in describing the style of Charvin's wine would include silky, velvety, and smooth. There are no harsh or dry tannins and they are always impeccably balanced. Descriptors that Robert Parker uses also include seductive, sexy, smoky, blackberry, cherry, hedonistic, flamboyant and blockbuster.

These are indeed some of the best examples of the appellation and represent a very unique and extraordinary style that is immediately recognizable, and thus literally an artistic expression.

