

2007 Vieux Télégraphe Rouge is here!

The 2007 Vieux Télégraphe Rouge is a Wine Spectator 95 POINT Wine



2007 Domaine Vieux Télégraphe La Crau

Packed, in a brawny, muscular style atypical for this lush vintage, with a gravely undertow to the currant paste, braised fig and dark licorice notes. Picks up even more steam on the finish, with grilled mesquite, mineral and garrigue notes and a long, hot stone-filled finish. Best from 2010 through 2030.

2007 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE "LA CRAU" DOMAINE DU VIEUX TÉLÉGRAPHE (www.kermitlych.com)

As I understand it, Bordeaux did not enjoy yet another vintage of the century in 2007, but I have not been there to taste yet. Most other regions were successful. However, in the Rhône Valley—and here I think the winemakers concur—the vintage is phenomenal and not to be missed. We will be talking about the 2007 Rhône wines and enjoying them for a long time.

Listen to Daniel Brunier of Vieux Télégraphe:

Here is a vintage that has already been much written about. The reds are truly superb. What we have is a rare vintage in the style of 1998 and 2005. What is surprising is the consistency of the cuvées and a kind of natural concentration. Vieux Télégraphe is very complex—spicy and smoky with garrigue herbs. It is deep and rich with a long, noble finish. It has a rare generosity to it.

My own notes use the word *generosity* three times. The nose and flavors are striking, immense. I noted the black cherry fruit and the wine's stony glory as well. It is the ultimate Vieux Télégraphe with incredible depths to the color, the bouquet, and the flavor. The classic, chewy V.T. tannins seem to emit flavor! If you are a teenager you might outlive the 2007, but the rest of us will want to profit from its riches for the rest of our lives. I cannot think of another wine anywhere near this price that is so packed full of current and future rewards.

94-96+ points PARKER

"The 2007 Vieux Télégraphe Chateaufneuf du Pape should ultimately eclipse the 2005 and 1998. It appears to be one of the finest wines made by Daniel Brunier and his brother. Its deep ruby color is accompanied by a superb nose of nori seaweed wrappers, licorice, pepper, tobacco leaf, and gobs of sweet black cherry and black currant fruit. Full-bodied with a fabulous texture, purity, and freshness (a consistent hallmark of this vintage), a juicy, rich, layered mouthfeel, and a finish that lasts for 45+ seconds. Although young, the tannin, acidity, and alcohol are all well-integrated. Typically, this wine tends to be dormant for 3-5 years after bottling, then emerge brilliantly. Therefore, I would wait until 2012 before pulling a cork on this one. Drink it over the following 20-25 years."