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92 Brothe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Secret Barville 2012 \$50 A dark, ripe style, with crushed fig, licorice snap, ganache and warm plum sauce flavors all carried by a racy graphite spine. Notes of anise, juniper and tobacco line the finish, while the dark fruit pumps along. Very solid. Best from 2015 through 2024. 700 cases made.—J.M.

92 Brothe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château de Bord 2012 \$45 Offers a dark profile, with plum, blackberry and roasted fig notes lined with charcoal and Turkish coffee hints. The long, fleshy finish sports ganache and licorice root accents, revealing an echo of dark pepper. Best from 2015 through 2027. 400 cases made.—J.M.



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91 Brothe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Barville Optimum 2012 \$50 A dark, frankly ripe style, with plum cake, black currant confiture and ganache notes all laid out over a charcoal spine. Dark tobacco and espresso accents hold the finish, while singed wood details fill in the background. A little shy on freshness, but has range and depth. Best from 2015 through 2022. 166 cases made.—J.M.

91 Brothe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine Barville 2012 \$33 Dark fig, blackberry coulis and plum skin notes meld together, along with pastis, licorice snap and ganache accents. The structure is polished in feel but maintains a grippy edge through the finish. Best from 2015 through 2026. 3,330 cases made.—J.M.





91 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Domaine Barville 2013 \$65 Peach, mango and papaya notes glide along, lined with hints of bitter almond and honeysuckle. The finish offers creamy and stony elements, with an echo of singed brioche. Roussanne. Drink now through 2016. 165 cases made.—J.M.

90 Brotte Châteauneuf-du-Pape White Les Hauts de Barville 2013 \$30 A bright, stony version, with a racy fennel streak piercing the core of white peach, jicama and star fruit flavors. A lingering verbena note emerges on the mineral finish. Drink now through 2016. 1,100 cases made.—J.M.



89 Brotte Tavel Les Eglantiers 2013 \$16 This rosé shows good energy, with strawberry and red currant fruit supported by a stony spine, while bergamot, incense and tobacco hints lace up the finish. Drink now.—J.M.

89 Brotte Gigondas Vieilles Vignes 2012 \$35 This sports a lively feel, with good cut to the damson plum, raspberry coulis and cassis bush flavors. Fruitcake, singed mesquite and tobacco notes fill in on the modestly grippy finish. Drink now through 2021. 200 cases made.—J.M.



88 Brotte Côtes du Rhône-Villages Laudun Château de Bord La Croix de Frégère 2012 \$14 A pure, understated style, with bergamot, violet, damson plum and white pepper notes backed by a fresh, iron- and savory-tinged finish. Drink now. 2,830 cases made.—J.M.

88 Père Anselme Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Fiole du Pape NV \$30 A soft, friendly, aromatic style, with warm plum and fig fruit lined with roasted vanilla and fine-grained cedar details. Gentle, yet energetic. Drink now through 2016. 40,000 cases made.—J.M.

