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Domaine de la Solitude

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2014 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Vivid yellow. Fresh orchard and pit fruit scents complicated by suggestions of candied ginger and beeswax. Dry, focused and minerally on the palate, offering bitter peach pit and pear skin flavors that flesh out and deepen with air. Rich yet lively in style, showing firm closing grip and very good, minerally persistence. (90 points)

2013 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Light yellow. A complex bouquet evokes ripe pit fruits, orange zest, pungent flowers and toasty lees. Juicy, seamless and concentrated, offering fleshy pear and nectarine flavors accompanied by suggestions of bitter citrus pith and dusty minerals that add back-end lift. Finishes with good clarity, thrust and persistence, leaving behind hints of candied orange and buttered toast. (90 points)

2012 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Bright yellow. Powerful orchard fruit and pit fruit scents are given vibrancy by hints of lemon zest and pungent flowers. Ripe, palate-coating pear and nectarine flavors show good concentration and focus, while a suggestion of honey adds subtle sweetness. Spreads out slowly on a very long, mineral-tinged finish that echoes the pit fruit note. (91 points)

