

Chateau de Beaucastel

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[2008 Chateau de Beaucastel Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc](#)

(\$105; a blend based on 80% roussanne Bright gold. Exotic aromas of passion fruit, papaya and honeysuckle, with a strong mineral undertone. Lush and creamy in texture, with sweet tropical and orchard fruit flavors braced by a tangy citrus note. Blends richness and energy with a deft hand and finishes with refreshing minerality and lingering florality.

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(\$182) Vivid gold. Deep, pungent bouquet melds floral honey, pear skin, anise and spiced qualities. Weighty orchard and pit fruit flavors stain the palate and become sweeter on the back half, picking up a hint of poached pear. The extremely persistent finish leaves smoky mineral and floral notes behind. These vines are around 85 years old, according to Marc Perrin. (Vineyard Brands, Birmingham AL)

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