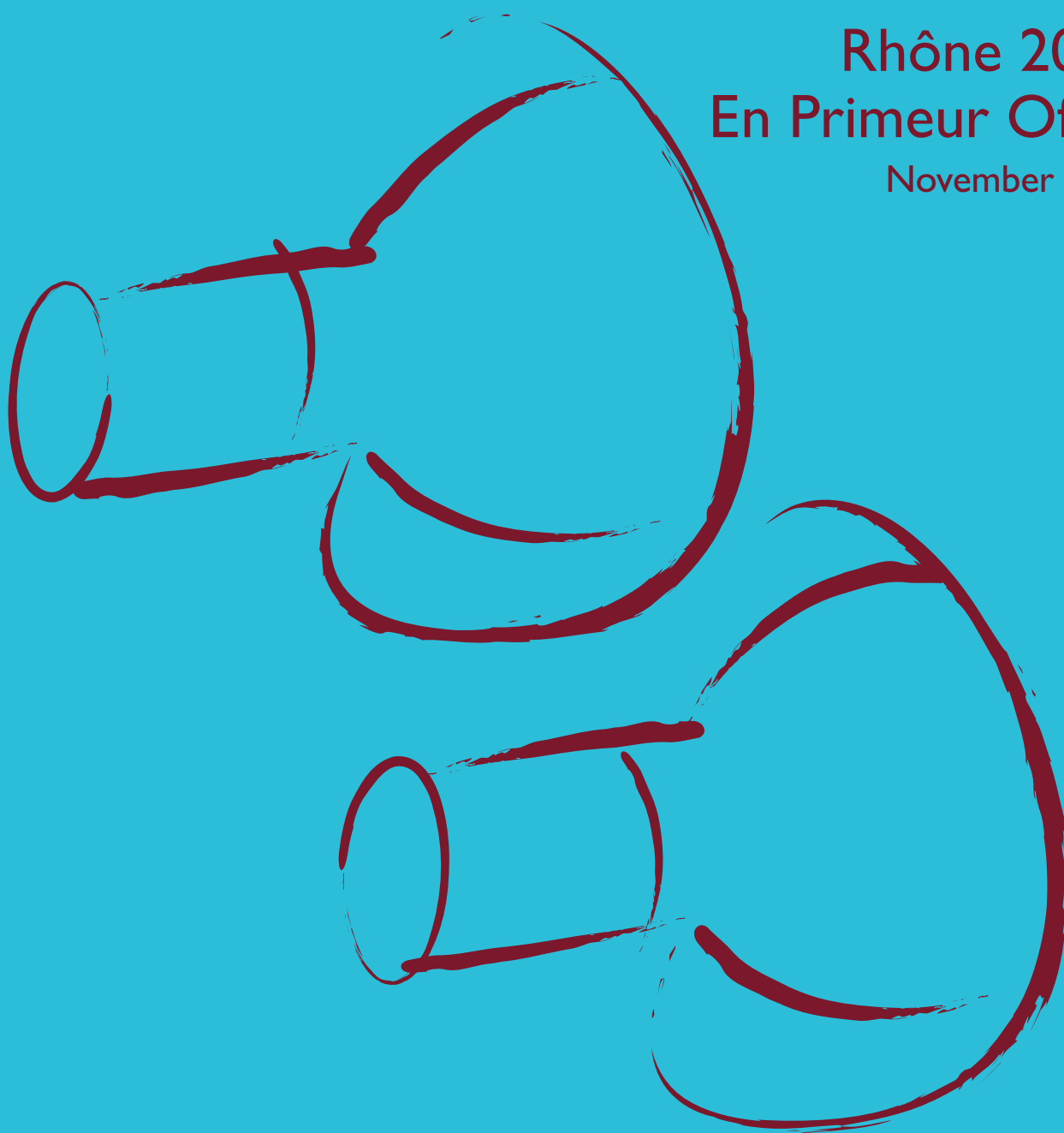


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Our fifth Rhône En Primeur Offer has an illustrious and quality-packed collection of wines from the North and the South, underlining Genesis' reputation as one of the very best sources of wine from the Rhône Valley. The 2007 vintage is undoubtedly a great one and the wines will be very sought after, though compared to other fine wine regions in France the Rhône continues to offer value for money.

This year sees the addition of an extra grower from the North in Domaine Ferraton; a Hermitage producer of note. The South has our favourite subjects from last year – we still feel we are tapping into the best Châteauneufs around – plus also some small quantities of Domaine Pegau and Domaine de la Vieille Julienne. For these last two you will need to contact us for further details on allocations and pricing.

N Highlights new growers in the Rhône En Primeur Offer.

Why Buy En Primeur?

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The Offer

- Prices are quoted in bond UK per case of 12 x 75cl, unless otherwise stated
- Est: estimated guide price; please contact the Fine Wine Team for confirmed price
- POA prices: please contact the Fine Wine Team for allocation and pricing details
- Payment is due with order
- Wines will be shipped between November 2008 and November 2009

This offer opens on 20 November.

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26 November 2008	Christmas Tasting – BAFTA: 195 Piccadilly, London W1
27 November 2008	Christmas Offer
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13 January 2009	Burgundy Offer opens

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Introduction

Since 1947, years finishing in a '7' are not really synonymous with quality; this is one of those exceptions to prove the rule, and yet another good year in what must be the most blessed French region in the past decade. How does it fit in with those other recent good years? 2004 and 2006 were of the same mould with lots of elegance and balance while the 2005s were built to last and had great structure. 2007 seems to be a blend of the above but with the sum being greater than the parts. It truly is a great vintage, with Robert Parker stating in the Wine Advocate: "Throughout the southern Rhône, 2007 is the greatest vintage I have tasted in my thirty years working in that region... Nearly every producer has attained largely unprecedented levels of quality. Moreover, the vintage is remarkably consistent from top to bottom." Heady praise indeed and our team that visited in late October put the wines firmly on par with the mighty 2001s.

The climate was obviously one of the major reasons for the success. Plenty of rain during the spring, almost too much, created a lot of work to fight off disease and keep the vines healthy. What weathered these trials were the stronger for it. But the summer arrived and, in the South, it was completely dry until the end of the harvest. In the North there were a few storms and the growers were very anxious until the last minute but the vines remained healthy and the harvest happened in good conditions. The ripening season was longer than usual helping to make more complete and somewhat unforced wines.

The Wines

The South

An extraordinarily ripe vintage with some high alcohol levels, lots of sweetness, good colour and extremely ripe tannins. The first overall impression is perhaps a lack of grip with the tannins being so polished but the wines have so much of everything else that the tannins are surely a little subdued early on. Southern Rhône wines rarely base their ageing potential on acidity and 2007 is no different, but the intensity and overall ripeness are extremely impressive without being too heavy, jammy or cooked.

The wines from Vieille Julienne elicited some very content purring noises from our team on their visit but note that there is no Réserve Châteauneuf from the domaine this year. Sebastien Vincenti's wines continue to provide great value for money with his Fondrèche line up – both red and white – impressing. The two big guns in Marcoux and La Mordorée were on top form as expected but this remarkable vintage has resulted in wines that will be talked about for a long time, not just this year. The Reine de Bois Châteauneuf, Caillou's Châteauneuf Réserve and the Vieilles

Vignes from Marcoux could all make a solid case for the Best In Show award on the trip, and there was much heated discussion surrounding just this topic. Whatever your style preference though these are all astonishing wines.

The North

The wines in the North are less exuberant. Still benefitting from the long season but not as ripe and heady as the South. The whites have good freshness and great balance; the reds have precision and colour. Not as tannic as the 2005s, they seem more harmonious and balanced than 2006 with better fruit and fine, silky texture. The word to use here is 'unforced' with the best seeming to extract finesse and elegance in the vineyard as opposed to Shiraz-inducing techniques in the cellar.

René Rostaing was at his philosophical best making Côte Rôties of light-footed elegance that are a pleasure to drink. New kids on the block – for Genesis that is – Ferraton have made Hermitage (with and without an 'H') with great poise, and Condrieu that is a delight. Perennial favourites from Gaillard are on fine form again.

However, the highlight of whole trip came in the form of Natacha Chave. Last year she debuted with us with just the one wine – a Saint Joseph. This year she has doubled her portfolio with an old vine Crozes Hermitage that was truly impressive. The epitome of that word 'unforced' her wines have near perfect structure and we are very, very excited to be working with her. Definitely a gem uncovered.

Recommendation

A quick note should be made in reference to the changing times we are living in. 2008 economically has seen the pound take a battering against the euro, and while the growers in this region of France are still some of the most keenly priced in the country, prices will nudge up a bit to reflect the currency situation. We wholeheartedly believe in and endorse the growers of the Rhône. They have in their barrels some very smart wines from a stunning vintage that are still at keen prices and will provide enjoyable drinking for some time to come.



James Price & Christian Honorez
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The North

Domaine Colombier, Tain l'Hermitage

The Viale brothers only relatively recently started to make their wines themselves – up until 1991 they sold all their grapes on – and indeed half their 20 hectares are devoted to fruit farming. However, part timers they are not, and in the past 16 years they have shot to the top of the Crozes Hermitage tree and are now considered one of the best producers. They own a hectare and half of straight Hermitage vines but their Crozes surpasses many growers wines from the more illustrious appellation.

White
Hermitage 385.00
 50% Roussanne, 50% Marsanne. A blossom-filled nose with mineral-tinged aromas of orange. The palate shows more citrus fruits with up front oak and hazelnut flavours that are kept in check with good acidity and a minerally finish.
 Drink from 2012.

Red
Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby 150.00
 100% Syrah. White pepper and blackcurrant on the nose follow onto the palate with extra black cherry. The mouthfeel shows nice definition with integrated tannins and a freshness to finish. Drink from 2010.

Hermitage 385.00
 100% Syrah. Nice purity of fruit – sweet blackberries and cassis – plus a touch of oak. Voluptuous, round and attractive with a silky tannins, nice minerality and long finish. Drink from 2013.

N Domaine Ferraton, Tain l'Hermitage

This fourth generation family-owned domaine is now in the hands of Samuel Ferraton. The vineyards in Hermitage and Crozes Hermitage are farmed biodynamically and little intervention takes places in the winery either: only a light touch of oak is used and the final wines are neither fined nor filtered. This is the first year Genesis is offering the wines of Domaine Ferraton and we are excited to be working with another such talented producer.

White
Hermitage Les Miaux 300.00
 100% Marsanne. Sourced from two tiny plots this has a very pure white peach nose. In the mouth it is weighty and rich with stone fruit flavours studded with hazel, walnuts and cream. Good acidity to finish, this wine has big potential.
 Drink from 2012.

Condrieu Les Mandouls 240.00
 100% Viognier. Obvious honey and apricot with a little creaminess but good mineral texture too. All together a precise and non-showy wine with lifting citrus hints. Drink from 2009.

Red
Hermitage Les Miaux 360.00
 100% Syrah. Big brooding nose, the palate has sweet cherry and crushed blackcurrant fruit flavours. The full rounded structure still shows lots of minerality. Will be very good. Drink from 2014.

Ermitage Dionnières 425.00
 100% Syrah. A single vineyard selction from very old vines it has a glorious nose of violets and blackcurrants that leaps out at you. Ripe and juicy on the palate there is still freshness, minerality and elegance to go with the earthy lingering flavours of liquorice and pepper. Very long and classy. Drink from 2015.

Natacha Chave, Tain l'Hermitage

Chave by name and Chave by nature – Natacha is the younger sister of the prominent winemaker Yann Chave and it is obvious that a nose for quality parcels of vines runs in the family. Striking out on her own only a couple of years ago she makes just two wines for now: a Saint Joseph from a small 1.5 hectare plot, and a debutant vintage Crozes Hermitage from old vines. A star has been born and definitely one to follow with excitement.

Red

Crozes Hermitage

125.00

100% Syrah. Very juicy nose of succulent ripe red fruits. The palate is silky and sexy with plenty of balancing savoury notes and minerality. Long with lovely tannins on the finish. From 40 year old vines this is a stunning Crozes.

Drink from 2010.

Saint Joseph

135.00

100% Syrah. Elegant and gentle the nose shows raspberry, cherry and white pepper notes. In the mouth it has great balance and an unforced structure with good minerality to finish. Very feminine. Drink from 2011.

Pierre Gaillard, Malleval

Having cut his teeth by working for Guigal in the 80s (Pierre had the equally arduous and loving task of tending the La Turque vineyard) and actually owning more red vines than white, you'd expect Pierre Gaillard to have made his reputation on Côte Rôties and Saint Josephs. Not so; the name Gaillard is interchangeable with Condrieu wines of the very best quality. As well as the Northern Rhône, the ever busy vigneron has projects in Banyuls and Faugères.

White

Saint Joseph

150.00

100% Roussanne. Generous with flavours of orange peel, tropical fruits and a lemon freshness. A mineral core persists and lifts on the finish. Drink from 2008.

Condrieu

260.00

100% Viognier. An intense nose of flowers and tropical fruits is complemented by wood spice. The body, showing a leesy richness without being fat, finishes with a fresh mineral zip. Drink from 2008.

Condrieu Jeanne Elise – 12 x 37.5cl

est. 225.00

100% Viognier. Honey nuts and cream, with crushed peach sweetness and a line of lemony and marmalade like acidity that keeps it from becoming cloying. Luscious. Drink from 2010.

Red

Saint Joseph

est. 125.00

100% Syrah. Cassis, cherries and raspberry fruits, both on the nose and palate. Touch of extra damson depth and grip. Drink from 2010.

Saint Joseph Clos de Cuminaille Rouge

est. 150.00

100% Syrah. An immediate and attractive nose; ripe black cherry aromas and a suggestion of pencil shavings. The palate has plenty of depth and sexiness with lots of mineral notes. Drink from 2011.

Saint Joseph Les Pierres

est. 200.00

100% Syrah. Richer and more succulent than the Cuminaille, the palate has a touch of juicy red fruit sweetness but finishes with freshness and elegance. Drink from 2012.

Cornas

est. 220.00

100% Syrah. Very typically Cornas with lots of structure and a good bit of oak. The palate, sprinkled throughout with cigar box spice, carries plenty of cassis all the way through to the finish. Drink from 2013.

Côte Rôtie

est. 275.00

100% Syrah. A black nose of dark cherry and olive paste moves onto a palate with finesse and structure. Herbal notes and crunchy pepper create a nice firmness but with hidden elegance too. Drink from 2013.

François Villard, Saint Michel

François' operation is a great example of the modern Rhône; a relative newcomer (he started in the wine game just over fifteen years ago) there has been extensive investment in his winery and cuverie, and selection of the parcels of grapes is bordering on the profligate. The resulting wines are then treated to the best wood money can buy; be it new or older. A more expressive, passionate and driven vigneron you will not come across.

White**Saint Joseph Fruit d'Avileran**

135.00

82% Marsanne, 15% Roussanne. Rounded nose with hints of honey, white flowers and marzipan. Nice depth (25% new wood was used) with more honey and nuts in the mouth. Drink from 2009.

Saint Joseph Mairlant

165.00

60% Marsanne, 40% Roussanne. Peach, orange peel and floral notes appear on the nose. The palate is more mineral and linear than the d'Avileran, showing good polish and a touch of creamy oak (35% new wood) to end with. Drink from 2009.

Condrieu Terrasses du Palat

275.00

100% Viognier. An attractive nose of blossom, pear and peach belies the restraint and definition of the palate. Dry and crisp almost with good mineral notes and acidity. Drink from 2008.

Condrieu Grands Vallons

290.00

100% Viognier. A very lifted and fresh nose of citrus fruits. The palate is much fuller than the Terrasses with extra fruit – apricot and mango – and long honeyed length. Drink from 2008.

Condrieu De Poncins

320.00

100% Viognier. Honey and touches of creamy oak on the nose complement the floral and orange notes. The palate has big impact with ripe yellow fruits, serious structure and a concentrated finish. Extra acidity and minerality raise this above the Grands Vallons. Drink from 2009.

Red**Saint Joseph Mairlant**

est. 170.00

100% Syrah. Tart blackcurrants and cassis feature with plenty of wood, power and extract. Completed with a mineral and savoury-tinged finish. Drink from 2011.

Saint Joseph Les Reflets

est. 250.00

100% Syrah. Smoky bacon, blackberry and spices on the nose. Big and powerful with lots of intensity and almost blockbuster structure. Some pepper and lots of mouth-coating tannins to finish. This is big without being over-extracted. Drink from 2013.

Côte Rôtie Le Gallet Blanc

est. 300.00

100% Syrah. Intense cassis-infused nose with a little leather. The palate has touches of cream intermingled with crushed blackcurrants. Very intense and pure with fine tannins and long finish. Drink from 2013.

René Rostaing, Ampuis

René is Mr Côte Rôtie. A natural vigneron who is so obviously happy in his skin (and vineyards) that he does not go point chasing, but instead makes precise and pure wines that have a far more lasting appeal. Though deep, structured and age worthy, his wines have a beautiful, feminine attraction to them. As René is want to remind you, if you want big Syrah-based Rhône wines you want to be in Hermitage, not in Côte Rôtie.

Red

Côte Rôtie est. 300.00

100% Syrah. The nose shows hints of wood spice overlaid on pure cassis and violet aromas plus a touch of smokiness too. In the mouth it is round and luscious with generous length, good minerality and finesse. Drink from 2012.

Côte Rôtie La Landonne est. 525.00

100% Syrah. Sampled from a new oak barrel this has aromas of smoky bacon and coffee beans mixing with blackcurrants and blackberries on the nose. The palate is pure, rich and silky. This shows a beautiful three-way balance between generosity, power and complexity. Drink from 2015.

Côte Rôtie La Blonde est. 600.00

100% Syrah. A floral and elegant nose introduces a pure and rounded palate that has silky and all-enveloping black fruit flavours. This actually gets more powerful as the palate progresses finishing with concentration and extra depth. Very intense and complex. Drink from 2016.

Stephane Ogier, Ampuis

This is Stephane's sophomore year with Genesis and already he has obtained favoured status amongst our clients. Young in body he may be – 31 rings if you cut him in half – but his skill as a winemaker seems much more mature, producing a house style with finesse and delicacy to the fore. His youthful passion does show through however, in his expansion plans for the property, where he has already planted the other side of the river to Vienne. These wines from less established appellations show just as much quality and provide a perfect introduction to what this soon to be super star is all about.

White

Vin de Pays Collines Rhodanienne La Rosine 129.00

100% Viognier. Fresh and peachy with exotic touches of mango, the palate has an incisive streak of acidity that maintains the wine's poise and definition. Drink from 2008.

Red

Vin de Pays Collines Rhodanienne La Rosine est. 115.00

100% Syrah. Smoky bacon, blackberry and garrigues herbs are complemented by nice minerality and freshening acidity that make this a good choice for early drinking. Drink from 2009.

Please note the following Côte Rôties are in very short supply with pricing yet to be confirmed with the grower. Please contact the Fine Wine Team if you wish to show your interest and get further details.

Côte Rôtie Reserve du Domaine POA

100% Syrah. Fresh and floral on the nose this is very juicy and upfront. The palate has good acidity with a touch of cassis and animal notes. Concentrated, fine and long. Drink from 2011.

Côte Rôtie Lancemont POA

100% Syrah. The essence of elegance the nose has lifted notes of raspberry and violets. Succulent fruit, great minerality and very long finish. This feels almost like a Burgundy! Drink from 2012.

Côte Rôtie Belle Hélène POA

100% Syrah. Deep and full of sweet black fruits and some savoury overtones. Great structure, with lovely freshness but with huge power. Brilliant wine and very, very long. Drink from 2014.

The South

Domaine Fondrèche, Cotes du Ventoux

Fondrèche is a textbook case of how a talented vigneron in a not so fashionable appellation can produce quality-to-price ratio miracles. Sébastien Vincenti has been making fabulous wines in the Ventoux for years and has a passionate following amongst the Genesis faithful. Syrah-dominated, his red blends display a remarkable complexity and drinkability. He continues to set a very high benchmark for everyone in Ventoux to follow.

White

Côtes du Ventoux Persia Blanc 105.00

100% Roussanne. Just delicious. Apricots and fresh lime with lively acidity and bags of minerality. A touch of unobtrusive oak (though 100% new wood used in élevage) rounds off a long and fresh finish. Drink from 2008.

Red

Côtes du Ventoux Fayard 58.00

50% Syrah, 30% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Carignan. Very juicy nose of raspberry and red berry fruit. The palate is very natural, almost gentle, but with lots of roundness and warmth and a sprinkling of pepper and spice. Drink from 2009.

Côtes du Ventoux Nadal 84.00

45% Grenache, 45% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. Lovely warm toasty oak on the nose with violets, thyme and blackberries. Subtle oak (50% new barrels), sexy mouthfeel and great length result in this punching way above its weight. Excellent. Drink from 2010.

Côtes du Ventoux Persia 105.00

90% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. Very rich and juicy but with lifted floral notes floating on top. Not as fleshy on the palate as the Nadal, it has great minerality, elegance and freshness. Almost like a Côte Rôtie from the south. Drink from 2011.

Domaine Chaume-Arnaud, Vinsobres

A relatively large estate situated in the village of Vinsobres, Chaume-Arnaud is run using biodynamic principles. Producers of a beautiful white blend that is head and shoulders above most other Southern Rhône whites, their reds see no oak in their élevage. The result are wines with a purity and freshness that make them great drinking at an early age.

White

Côtes du Rhône Villages La Cadene Blanc 78.00

50% Viognier, 50% Marsanne. Stunningly fresh and vibrant on the nose with aromas of honeysuckle, lemons and white peach. The palate is complex and lively with hints of cinnamon spice weaving through mouth watering acidity and a creamy depth. Delicious. Drink from 2008.

Red

Côtes du Rhône 52.00

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault. Very ripe and fruity with soft raspberry and cocoa notes. This is simple and easy vin du soif. Drink from 2008.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Vinsobres 68.00

60% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah. Lovely nose with vibrant red fruit aromas and rhubarb zing. The palate is juicy and round with pepper, spice and herbs following on to a gentle but structured finish. Drink from 2009.

Domaine Daniel & Denis Alary, Cairanne

Though Cairanne does not have the cachet of some of the more well-known southern appellations it is arguable the best of the Côtes du Rhône Villages. The Alary family have been farming their estate for many a generation and now under Denis' stewardship the wines have quietly obtained best-in-area status. Predominately Grenache-led (apart from the Syrah dominant Font d'Estevenas) these supple and unassuming wines are brilliant value for money.

Red

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne 68.00

Red and black cherries with crushed raspberries on the nose. In the mouth it is generous and warm and ready for drinking now. Drink from 2008.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne La Brunotte 84.00

60% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 10% Carignan. A bit brooding and dense but sexy nonetheless. Succulent black cherries, thyme and red fruit all feature with an intensely long finish. Drink from 2009.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne Font d'Estevenas 99.00

60% Syrah, 40% Grenache. Black olives dominate on the nose, which then give way to blackcurrant fruit and violet notes. Unforced with a pleasant rusticity this is long and delicious. Drink from 2010.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne Jean de Verde 125.00

94% Grenache, 6% Syrah. Rich nose of black forest fruit, olives, thyme and some white pepper. The palate shows good structure and solid mouthfeel that will last. Drink from 2012.

Domaine de la Monardière, Vacqueyras

Founded in 1987, La Monardière is located in the heart of Vacqueyras right at the foot of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Christian Vache and now his son Damien look after the 20 hectares of vineyards themselves using minimal intervention. The wines are dramatic and powerful with a concentration and seriousness that is comparable with the top domaines in Châteauneuf du Pape.

Red

Vacqueyras Les Deux Monardes 98.00

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. Supple nose of raspberry and blackberry combine with touches of garrigues herbs. The palate is ripe and juicy with lots of finesse and good minerality. An early drinker. Drink from 2010.

Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes 150.00

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. Black fruit and olives on the nose. Very ripe impact in the mouth with lots of concentration and forest fruit flavours. Powerful yet restrained. Drink from 2011

Domaine Gramenon, Monbrison

Year in, year out Michelle Laurent's esteemed wines are in high demand so you had better act quickly. Made biodynamically with minimal use of sulphur, if any at all, they have a wonderful freshness and precision to them. It doesn't hurt either that the vineyards are situated high up in just about the most northerly corner of the Southern Rhône, with the colder nights inducing feminine-tinged elegance as opposed to muscular power. Great wines and Genesis favourites.

White

Vie On Y Est 120.00

100% Viognier. Fresh and racy with white peach and apricot on the nose. The palate is lively and enveloping with more stone fruit flavours and a zingy kick of lemon on the finish. Drink from 2008.

Red

Côtes du Rhône Sierra du Sud 111.00

100% Syrah. Though from the South this is almost Crozes in style, with dark fruits and spiced weight. The palate shows an extra richness with sweet fruits complementing the structured finish. Drink from 2009.

Côtes du Rhône La Sagesse 120.00

100% Grenache. Soft and seductive with plenty of crushed raspberry and red cherry flavours. The palate is no push over though with good depth and persistence, the finish is defined and moreish. Drink from 2009.

Côtes du Rhône La Mémé 220.00

100% Grenache. Definitely in the same mould as the Sagesse, but with extra in all departments – depth, length, concentration and power. Good acidity and minerality ensure that this will cellar well. Drink from 2011.

Domaine Marcoux, Châteauneuf du Pape

For a property that has obtained more than one of the legendary 100 point marks from Le Bob, Marcoux is remarkably unpretentious. Has the femininity of the proprietors rubbed off into the large concrete vats Sophie and Catherine Armenier use? Could be, but there is also an added dimension of magic that seems to surround the world's best estates and takes these wines into another dimension of elegance and sophistication altogether. Simply put, a producer of one of France's best wines.

White**Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc** est. 270.00

60% Roussanne, 40% Bourboulenc. A temptingly fresh floral nose. Delicious on the palate with a ripe juiciness composed of apricot and honey. Lovely texture. Drink from 2010.

Red**Lirac Domaine de la Lorentine** est. 105.00

60% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah. Very upfront with lovely ripe cherry and cassis fruit. Good and concentrated with nice balancing minerality and an elegant finish. Drink from 2010.

Châteauneuf du Pape est. 275.00

75% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 8% Syrah, 2% Cinsault. Very rich, very fine and very elegant. This could be fantastic and is packed with glycerol, cherry, raspberries and violet creams. Sexy! Drink from 2012.

Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes est. 750.00

Mainly Grenache. Lovely florality on the nose; this is very intense. On the palate it is hugely powerful with flavours of blackberry, red cherry, blueberry and a sensationally silky structure. It has immense length and masses of acidity. Drink from 2014.

Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape

Alain Jaume is less involved now, but his sons Christophe and Sebastien are taking the domaine to higher heights and regularly garnering top scores and accolades. However, he has still kept his pricing feet on the ground under this attention onslaught. Yet this doesn't mean that the wines are any easier to get your hands on, with his stable of thoroughbred Châteauneufs still likely to have the masses fighting over limited allocations.

White**Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc Cuvée La Fontaine** est. 246.00

100% Roussanne. Very floral, quite exotic with orange peel and melon. Very juicy as soon as it is in the mouth with plenty of sweet oak but kept in proportion by brilliant acidity. Very, very long with ageing potential. Drink from 2013.

Red**Châteauneuf du Pape** est. 180.00

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. Quite tart and brambly on nose, almost redolent of a varietal Syrah.

The palate is very juicy and ripe with a touch of minerality and good length. Drink from 2014.

Châteauneuf du Pape Les Origines

est. 250.00

50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah. Blacker nose, and more herbal than the straight Châteauneuf cuvée. Big mouthfeel that is very rich but with a touch of silkiness too. Lots of sweet glycerol, blackcurrant and pepper. Lots of masculine power and huge length. Drink from 2015.

Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes

est. 395.00

50% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah. Dense nose with cassis, vanilla notes and violets. Ultra ripe with layers and layers of concentrated fruit. Immense power and firm oak tannins at the end. Huge yet very polished and with lots of potential. Drink from 2016.

Domaine Clos du Caillou, Châteauneuf du Pape

Team Caillou consists of owner Sylvie Vacheron, winemaker Bruno Gaspard and larger than life consultant Philippe Cambie, with their game plan involving consistency and greatness in equal measure. Their Châteauneuf du Papes show plenty of concentration and weight that can lend themselves to well over a decade's ageing. The Bouquet des Garrigues bottling is the one for those looking for more immediate pleasure, but still showing the spiced black fruit house style.

White**Côtes du Rhône Bouquet des Garrigues Blanc**

90.00

25% Grenache Blanc, 30% Clairette Rose, 10% Viognier, 20% Bourboulenc, 15% Roussanne. Lemon, white peach and pear all appear on the nose with a rich palate of honey and citrus peel. Drink from 2009.

Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc

275.00

70% Roussanne, 30% Grenache Gris. Very rich and intense nose of honey, clover and pear. Delicious on the palate with notes of coconut and vanilla balanced by incisive minerality and lively acidity. Drink from 2011.

Red**Côtes du Rhône Bouquet des Garrigues**

87.00

85% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre. Dark black fruits with florally violet overtones. Intense with a silky texture and delicious rounded structure. Ever so elegant this could be the best Bouquet des Garrigues since 2001. Drink from 2010.

Côtes du Rhône Quartz

125.00

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Not your average Côtes du Rhône this has huge impact, power and intensity. Very persistent with lots of herbal notes and a dark core of black fruits. Drink from 2012.

Côtes du Rhône Réserve

175.00

83% Grenache, 17% Mourvèdre. Hints of toast layered on rich black fruit. Really intense purity of forest fruits in the mouth, with glycerol sweetness, but overall concentrated and polished. Classy. Drink from 2013.

Châteauneuf du Pape Les Safres

240.00

Almost 100% Grenache. More supple in style than the Côtes du Rhône Réserve or Côtes du Rhône Quartz, showing more elegance too. The pure fruit core of blackberry, plum and a damson adds some seriousness but finishes with a gentle mineral-infused wave. Drink from 2013.

Châteauneuf du Pape Les Quartz

375.00

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Lovely purity on nose, this is really good with layers of juice and minerality in an absolutely unforced way. The finish is delicious with a savoury lick on top of ripe tannins and a distinctive freshness. Drink from 2016.

Châteauneuf du Pape Réserve

650.00

70% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre. Darker and more brooding than than the Marcoux Vieilles Vignes, it has a sweetening splash of glycerol as well as raspberry, cherry and liquorice flavours. It has huge intensity and length with generous acidity but no toughness or rough edges. All well-knit, balanced and fabulously concentrated. Drink from 2017.

Domaine Santa Duc, Gigondas

In 2006 it seemed like change was afoot with Yves Gras' wines. The wines appeared to be more supple with softer tannins than usual. So was that just an expression of the vintage? Having tasted the constituent barrels for the 2007 vintage, there is still plenty of depth and cellar-friendly weight on his wines, but he does seem to have turned away from intense extraction and marathon cuvaisons, and is now producing wines that are more approachable with overt fruit character. Whatever your opinion of the 2006 style tweak, lovers of the best grower in Gigondas will still recognise Monsieur Gras' skill and unwillingness to compromise.

Red

Côtes du Rhône Les Quatre Terres

60.00

70% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre & Carignan. Juicy black cherries with a sprinkling of dried herbs on the nose, the palate has a suppleness about it yet still maintains good definition with nice mineral notes. Drink from 2010.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Roaix

72.00

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Very perfumed with violets, herbs and red fruits. The palate has an extra dimension of pepper spice but an overall silky mouthfeel with great length. One of very few wines made from this village and the best of the lot. Drink from 2011.

Gigondas

130.00

75% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, 5% Carignan. This has the elegance of a Vacqueras and the fruit of a Châteauneuf. The nose shows blackberry and redcurrant flavours with hints of green peppers. It has a very pure, sweet fruit palate with good grip and minerality on the long finish. Drink from 2013.

Gigondas Les Hautes Garrigues

210.00

80% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah. Very, very rich and opulent showing generous black fruits and power but is still approachable and pure. Probably has the most tannin and acidity of Yves' wines but they will progress well in the years to come. Drink from 2014.

Grande Grenache (proposed name)

295.00

100% Grenache. New cuvée for this year and tasted before final blending but this looks to be a great debut. Ripe redcurrants and boysenberry with a bit of liquorice. Very juicy with lots of elegance but power too. Long and succulent. Drink from 2014.

Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel

Having featured in his own French TV programme Christophe Delorme is well and truly a superstar winemaker. But it was not for his rugged good looks or charming family that he was chosen, though he has both. Christophe is also one of the very best vigneron in the country (and the world according to a rather influential Baltimore-based writer) and makes beautifully supple and complex wines from Lirac and Châteauneuf du Pape. Beware, limited quantities and waiting lists lie ahead.

White

Lirac La Reine des Bois Blanc

120.00

30% Grenache, 15% Viognier, 15% Roussanne, 10% Marsanne, 10% Picpoul, 10% Clairette, 10% Bourboulenc. Lovely flavours of pear, apricot and peach with a touch of apple skin pithiness. Delicious, juicy and round. Drink from 2008.

Red

Lirac La Dame Rousse

84.00

50% Grenache, 50% Syrah. A fleshy nose showing raspberry and blackberry. Very ripe fruit though with good balancing acidity. Easygoing and really delicious. Drink from 2010.

Lirac La Reine des Bois

135.00

40% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre. Ripe and juicy blackcurrants and raspberry with a succulent mouthfeel. This has an unforced feel about it though it is super-concentrated and with great acidity. Drink from 2014.

Châteauneuf du Pape La Reine des Bois

420.00

80% Grenache, 20% combination of Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Syrah, Counoise & Vaccarèse. Very herbal nose with raspberry undertones. Very, very intense, succulent and silky on the palate. Not necessarily a trans-Atlantic style, this has so much polish and concentration but extraordinary freshness and suppleness to boot. Incredible elegance. Drink from 2016.

Please note the following wines from Domaine de Pegau and Domaine de la Vieille Julienne and are in very short supply with pricing yet to be confirmed with the growers. Please contact the Fine Wine Team if you wish to show your interest and get further details.

Domaine de Pegau, Châteauneuf du Pape

This domaine has an almost cult like following, with buyers and merchants alike guarding their allocations like over-protected children. Laurence Feraud continues to lead her family's property further forward with every vintage and with 2007 being such a success in the South, her wine will surely get some of the highest scores.

Red**Châteauneuf du Pape**

POA

Mainly Grenache. The nose shows primary fruits and cigar box spice, but overall quite restrained. The palate has superb depth and freshness, with redcurrants and raspberry flavours. Long, and silky this has quite some potential. Drink from 2014.

Domaine de la Vieille Julienne, Châteauneuf du Pape

The word 'old' in the name of this estate is very apt: with a history going back over 100 years it has access to some ancient vine fruit in its vineyards to the north of the appellation. The man in charge of this legacy is Jean-Paul Daumen and he oversees everything using minimal intervention. The vines are farmed biodynamically and there is minimum use of sulphur and fining in the winery. The results are pure expressions of the deep-rooted vines and their grapes that had us purring when we visited in October. NB no Réserve cuvée was made this year owing to the timing for picking the parcel not being 100% perfect. However the straight Châteauneuf seems to be all the better for it!

Red**Côtes du Rhône**

POA

Mainly Grenache. Simple Côtes du Rhône this is not; it has concentration, power and complexity in spades. Red fruits surround a blackcurrant and spice core with refreshing acidity and gentle minerality. One of the must haves of the vintage. Drink from 2010.

Châteauneuf du Pape

POA

Mainly Grenache. Very dark, dense and brooding nose with mocha, blackcurrant and garrigues notes. Huge and intense presence in the mouth, with glycerol and balance plus lots of acidity. Fabulous finish. Massive, massive wine yet fresh and oh so complex. Brilliant! Drink from 2017. Drink from 2017.

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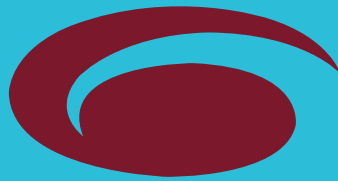
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