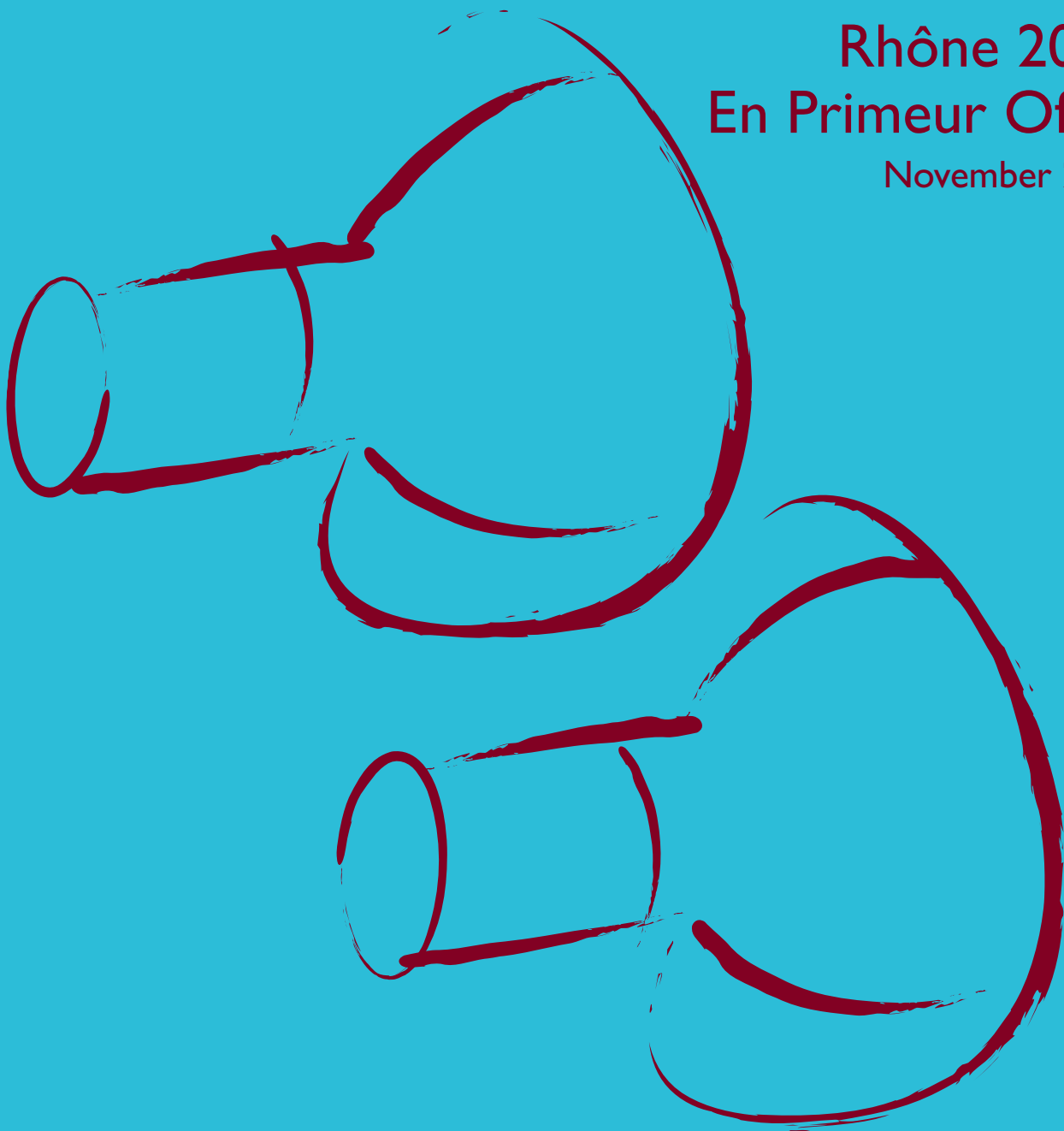


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Introduction

The Rhône Valley has experienced a succession of good to great vintages since 1998 (with the exception of 2002). The 2009 vintage is another remarkable year, but how does it fit in with those other recent good vintages? 2003 was a similar growing season leading to wines with good pH, plenty of tannins and great freshness which are also prevalent in 2009. In the cellar the wines have the structure and depth of the 2005s, only without the tannic punch. They have the wonderful fruitiness and intensity of the 2007s and at the same time the elegance of the 2004s. The 2009 wines are generally very approachable, they will drink well in their youth and cellar beautifully.

The Vintage

The vines benefitted from a wet and cool spring which gave the vines opportunity to store the necessary water and energy for the growing season. Warm weather during flowering led to a good fruit set. During the months of June, July and August there was no measurable rainfall. In the Southern Rhône the grapes matured with excellent concentration, acidity and structure. High temperatures sped up the ripening process and with the grapes dehydrated a much needed refreshing rainfall came in mid-September. This allowed the grapes to fully mature through to harvest.

The Wines

The North

From the slopes of Côte Rotie through to Hermitage the wines express wonderful minerality, not overwhelming but well infused, helping to create freshness and a lush character. The minerality is especially noticeable in the whites. Packed with blossom and tropical fruit aromas they are simply delicious. From Hermitage, Domaine du Colombier's Florent Viale was extremely happy with his wines especially his Cuvée Gaby Blanc – intense fruit and vanilla - and his reds are packed with minerality and polished black fruits. Natasha Chave's St Joseph, was one of the stars of the trip, delicious aromas and depth here. Réne Rostaing's wines are very unforced and pure, as usual he really is "Mr Côte Rôtie". In Ampuis, the enthusiastic Stéphane Ogier continues on the path of excellence; young and dynamic his skills and wines make him a grower to watch out for. The whites of François Villard are first-rate, his three Condrieus show opulence and alluring minerality. His reds, especially the Brocard, have brilliant fruit, spice and acidity to last. This year, Northern Rhône has produced wines that are more fruit driven and concentrated than the norm. They are exceptional wines from this great vintage.

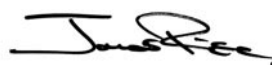
The South

The warm growing season really shows in the Southern Rhône wines. It created wine with great colour, sweet fruits, ripe tannins and in a few cases higher alcohol levels than the North - though nothing to score one off. Overall the wines are well rounded and very approachable. They are fleshy and structured giving great potential for ageing. Highlights of the trip include wines from Marcoux and La Mordorée. Marcoux's Châteauneuf-du-Pape was mesmerizing and their Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc was simply to die for. From Tavel, La Mordorée showed how a great vintage can produce such intense and velvety reds that really impress. Once again, the 2009 from the very inspiring Vieille Julienne will be released later, their organic principles together with a passionate ability to let things be, have resulted in a more delicate and pure 2008 Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Outside the more famous Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine de la Monardière from Vacqueyras showed wines with poise that were a pleasure to taste. Whatever your style preference there are some brilliant wines here.

We are also excited to be offering wines from new growers including Domaine Tour Saint Michel from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, who have a feminine style of wines that are stunningly good. Also joining our portfolio is La Ferme Du Mont, also from Châteauneuf-du-Pape, with vineyards sites throughout the Rhône, this exciting and passionate producer is one to look out for.

Recommendation

The 2009 vintage has produced wines of purity, rich fruit flavours, phenolic ripeness, structure, and, overall, balance. This all makes for a great vintage. On the whole, prices have generally increased a little but this can be expected as the wines really do justify the price. When one considers the value of the sterling and the economic climate that we have faced it is fair to say that the growers of the Rhône have been reasonable – unlike the price hikes consumers faced from the Bordelaise. The wines from the 2009 vintage can be enjoyed in the medium term and will cellar well for the long term. Whether you look for wines as an investment, to drink or a bit of both this vintage will do nothing but please.



James Price, November 2010

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The North

Domaine Aléofane - Natacha Chave, Mercurol

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 few years ago she makes just two wines for now: a Saint Joseph from a small 1.5 hectare plot, and a Crozes Hermitage from old vines. A star has been born and definitely one to follow with excitement.

Red

Crozes Hermitage

130.00

100% Syrah. Very concentrated and lush, with ripe red fruits on the nose – there are notes of toffee and sweet vanilla. More feminine in style, the wonderful purity combined with a succulent mouthfeel makes this wine very elegant. The palate is silky and sexy with plenty of balancing savoury notes and minerality. A heavenly touch of oak lingers on the finish. From 40 year old vines this is a stunning Crozes. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16.

Saint Joseph

140.00

100% Syrah. Delicious blackberry and blackcurrant aromas. This is one for the collection. In the mouth it has great cassis balance, lingering fruit and delicious freshness and acidity. The finish is persistent, unforced with some sweet oak and lingering minerality. Very feminine. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 17.

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

Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby Blanc

est. 170.00

100% Marsanne. 50% New wood. Light gold/yellow hue. Very pure and perfumed aromas of blossom, apricots and a touch of hazelnut. The palate is round with light citrus fruits. There is also a mouth-coating minerality which prepares the palate, creating a light succulent feel. This texture is then equalized by some fresh acidity that lingers holding the fruit on the finish. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16.5.

Hermitage - Limited

est. 425.00

100% Marsanne. With concentrated aromas of vanilla, this wine has very perfumed notes of brioche, white peach and almond. The oak is very upfront on the palate, dense and luscious and provides depth while coating the mouth with a lovely creamy texture. The fruit is more subdued, light tropical fruits linger on the middle of the palate. Slight notes of citrus fruits and some good minerality give the wine freshness and a long and pure finish. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 18.5.

Red

Crozes Hermitage

est. 110.00

100% Syrah. Deep rich purple notes. Glorious nose of fresh ripe red fruits, cherry and raspberry. Cool notes of vanilla oak alongside some rich cassis lift from the glass. The palate has wonderful purity with tannins that are elegant and integrated. With good acidity there is freshness too. The 2009 is as rich as the 2005 and 2003. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16.

Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby

est. 160.00

100% Syrah. Very focused on the nose, rich and exotic red fruits with some toast and a little white pepper. There is a lovely richness on the palate with a touch of sweetness from the oak. Very pure and slightly chewy, this wine has wonderful minerality. The mouthfeel shows nice definition with integrated tannins and a freshness to finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 17.

Hermitage - Limited

est 425.00

100% Syrah. A magnificent nose lush with red fruits and violets. Full bodied on the palate with nice purity of fruit – structured and powerful. There is a little grip from the tannins, and depth too. With a rich mouthfeel the finish is very, very long with a sprinkle of spice and nice minerality. Drink from 2016+. Genesis Score 18.5.

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 and wines of the very best quality. As well as the north Rhône, the ever busy vigneron has projects in Banyuls and Faugères. Pierre's daughter is now 100% involved and we have included one of her wines in the offer.

White**Condrieu**

260.00

100% Viognier. Generous aromas of white peach, apricot with notes of honeysuckle. The palate is packed with minerality, hints of hazelnut and fresh flavours of tropical fruits with some lemon freshness. A mineral core persists and lifts a finish that is complex and long. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.

Condrieu Fleurs d'Automne (sweet) – 12 x 50cl

320.00

100% Viognier. Fresh sweetness on the nose, stewed pineapple with a little toffee apple. Very rich on the palate with some crunchy acidity that is well-balanced with the sweet tropical fruit notes. There is good weight and elegance here. This finish lingers and a line of lemony and marmalade-like acidity keeps it from becoming cloying. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 17.5

Red**Saint Joseph (Jeanne Gaillard)**

160.00

100% Syrah. Wonderful warm bramble fruits on the nose - cassis, cherries and raspberry are also very noticeable. The palate has good depth, concentrated red fruits and an earthy minerality coats the palate. The tannins are structured and a little leathery which grips onto the fruits creating a lasting finish. Drink from 2014+. Genesis Score 16.5.

Saint Joseph Clos de Cuminaille Rouge

175.00

100% Syrah. Perfumed nose of dense cherry and currant fruits – hints of smoky bacon too. The palate is full bodied with lots of warm wood and cassis. The earthiness and concentration of fruit and wood carry through on the finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 17.

Saint Joseph Les Pierres

260.00

100% Syrah. Slightly heady fruit on the nose. Aromas of violet and blackcurrant. Richer and more succulent than the Cuminaille, the palate has a touch of juicy red fruit sweetness but finishes with freshness, structured and a hint of cream creates a coating mouth feel. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 17+.

Cornas

260.00

100% Syrah. A very feminine nose, ripe sweet raspberries with cherry fruits. It is also very round with some cedar and leathery notes showing. Typically Cornas, this wine has lots of structure and a good drop of oak. The palate has rich dark forest fruits characters and a touch of violet too. The tannins are elegant and carry plenty of cassis all the way through to the finish. Drink from 2015+. Genesis Score 17.

Côte Rôtie

320.00

Syrah and Viognier. A serious wine here with big fleshy black fruits. Very vibrant on the nose, floral notes of violet, vanilla too, a touch of spice and some warming cedar like characters. Lovely texture on the palate, crunchy pepper with integrated tannins that are firm but pleasant. A long juicy finish that lasts. This will age well. Drink from 2015+. Genesis Score 17.5.

Côte Rôtie Rose Pourpre - Limited 630.00

100% Syrah. Very classic in style. Pure, pure cassis aromas on the nose with a whiff of honey glazed bacon. Concentrated black and red fruits on the nose, lush and elegant – keeps you wanting to enjoy the aroma more. Lovely structure and texture on the palate with subtle use of oak. Very harmonious with layer upon layer of pure fruit. Drink from 2017. Genesis Score 18.5.

François Villard, St 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 grapes for his wines is extremely rigorous. 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 Mairlant** 190.00

65% Marsanne and 35% Roussanne. Beautiful fragrant nose, peach, orange peel and floral notes. The palate is more mineral with a touch of creamy oak (30% new wood). Showing good polish the finish lingers with decadent minerality. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16.5.

Condrieu Terrasses du Palat 295.00

100% Viognier. An attractive nose of blossom, pineapple and pear. On the palate the fruits are light with an intense punch of minerality. Notes of vanilla (20% new wood) and wet stone create a very pure and fresh feel. Dry and crisp with good mineral notes and acidity. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.

Condrieu Le Grand Vallon 320.00

100% Viognier. A very lifted and fresh nose of citrus fruits. The palate is fuller than the Terrasses with extra fruit – apricot and mango – and long honeyed length. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.5.

Condrieu De Poncins 365.00

100% Viognier. Aromas of melon and apricot with touches of creamy oak complement the floral and orange notes. The palate has a big impact, very dry, rich and concentrated. With some integrated oak, balanced acidity and ripe white fleshed fruits this wine is elegant and lingers on the finish. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.5+.

Red**Saint Joseph Mairlant** 185.00

100% Syrah. Very hedonistic style with lovely approachable fruit. Almost a Côte Rôtie style, there are slightly tart blackberries and cassis that is very plush. Slightly reductive with notes of forest floor this wine is rich in minerality and pure – almost crème de cassis. Lots of structure here on the finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 17.

Saint Joseph Les Reflets 275.00

100% Syrah. 100% new oak. Very concentrated with wild blackberry and plum fruit - a hint of smoky bacon and spices on the nose also. Big and powerful with lots of intensity, grip and edgy mouth feel. Some pepper and lots of mouth-coating tannins to finish. Without being over-extracted a bite of acidity helps make this very age worthy. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 18.

Côte Rôtie Le Gallet Blanc - Limited 350.00

100% Syrah. "2009 is perhaps the best vintage from Côte Rôtie I have made", said François. Wonderfully intense cassis-infused nose - lots of spice and lush red fruits – cherry and raspberry. The palate has touches of cream intermingled with crushed blackcurrants – very elegant. With fine tannins the finish is long, clean and very pure. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 18.5.

Côte Rôtie Brocarde - Very, very limited 600.00

90% Syrah and 10% Viognier. Stunning aromas of violets, dried red and black fruits, a touch of caramel and heady sweet spices. The palate is rich and full bodied in style, there is a generous amount of oak that gives amazing sweet vanilla notes. This wine is intense and powerful. The tannins envelop the mouth, the fruit bursts on the front of the palate and the acidity grips to hold the balance through on the finish. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 18.5+.

René Rostaing, Ampuis

René 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 will remind you, if you want big Syrah-based Rhône wines you want to be in Hermitage, not in Côte Rôtie.

White

Condrieu La Bonette - Very limited 380.00

Notes of schist, spice and exotic tropical fruits on the nose with a hint of oak – it is very pure and juicy. On the palate there is lots of weight, the oak settles on the palate and is then layered with rich minerality and light white fleshed fruits. It feels very full in style, yet light at the same time. The finish is long and delicate and very well balanced. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 17.5.

Red

Côte Rôtie 400.00

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 the tannins are round and upfront. The fruit notes are very polished and complemented with lovely plum cherry fruits – a hint of leather present too. The minerality is unforced, round and luscious with generous length. A delicious example of Côte Rôtie. Drink from 2015+. Genesis Score 17.

Côte Rôtie La Landonne - Limited 675.00

100% Syrah. Very concentrated and intense black fruits on the nose. With hints of pine essence and very rich cassis fruit, there are also sweet leathery notes. The palate is pure, rich and silky. The tannins are structured and in balance with the ripe fruits. This shows a three-way beautiful balance between generosity, power and complexity. Drink from 2016. Genesis Score 18.5.

Côte Rôtie La Blonde - Very limited 750.00

100% Syrah. An intense fruit driven nose with rich black forest and preserved plum fruits. There are notes of vanilla and cedar that complement. This perfumed 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 2017+. Genesis Score 19.

Stephane Ogier, Ampuis

Stephane's wines have already obtained favoured status amongst our clients. Young in body he may be – 32 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 around 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 140.00

100% Viognier. Fresh and peachy with exotic touches of mango, nice crunchiness to this wine. Very open fruit flavours and very attractive on the palate. The palate has an incisive streak of acidity that maintains the wine's poise and definition. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16.5.

Red

Vin de Pays Collines Rhodanienne La Rosine 120.00

A wonderful nose of black forest fruits with a hints of leather and forest floor. The palate is open and fresh with lashings of juicy red summer fruits – cherry and strawberry. In the mouth there is a slight crunchy feel, integrated with tannins and succulent fruit. There is good weight on the finish, pure and concentrated. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 16.5.

Côte Rôtie 2008 300.00

100% Syrah. Lovely plum fruits with herbaceous notes - blackberry and garrigues herbs are complemented by nice minerality. Very pure with rounded cassis flavours. This red has a wonderful soft texture, structured tannins and a concentrated long finish. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 17.

The South

Domaine Chaume-Arnaud, Vinsobres

A relatively large estate situated in the village of Vinsobres, Chaume-Arnaud is run biodynamically. 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

102.00

50% Viognier and 50% Marsanne. Stunningly fresh and vibrant on the nose with tropical fruit aromas, pineapple, mango, white peach and some citrus notes. The palate is complex; light up front then builds to become rich and intense with minerality and fruit. A lively wine with hints of cinnamon spice weaving through mouth watering acidity and a creamy depth. Delicious. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.

Red

Côtes du Rhône Villages Vinsobres

92.00

A full bodied fleshy red. Rich with minerality there are notes of red fruits, raspberry and cherry. With hints of apricot and bready like characters on the nose this wine is juicy and has great freshness. The palate is intense, lovely ripe red fruits dominate. The tannins are more masculine, coating the mouth but kept in check with these ripe fruit characters. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 17.

Domaine Daniel & Denis Alary, Cairanne

Though Cairanne does not have the cachet of some of the more well known southern appellations it is un-arguably one of the best of the Cotes 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 La Brunotte

95.00

Fruit driven aromas of dark plum and blackberry, a touch of jam and spice with hints of forest floor. Succulent black fruits feature with fresh tannins and notes of cassis. The finish is long and intense with a little heat. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16+.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne Font d'Estevenas

110.00

55% Syrah and 45% Grenache. Again, black fruits dominate the nose. Notes of forest floor, black olives are also noticeable. There is lovely concentration on the palate, unforced with a pleasant rusticity. Full bodied in style the tannins are savory, long and delicious. Wonderful purity here with lots of delicious jammy fruits. Drink from 2013+. Genesis Score 16.5+.

Côtes du Rhône Villages Cairanne Jean de Verde

140.00

90% Grenache and 10% Syrah. Fleshy and concentrated with a rich nose of black forest fruit and some white pepper – kind of masculine notes there too. The palate shows smooth tannins integrated with fresh acidity and warm fruit flavours. A solid mouthfeel that will last. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 17.

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. This really is a top estate and should be seriously considered.

Red

Vacqueyras Les Deux Monardes

105.00

70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. Soft and supple nose of raspberry and blackberry combines with touches of garrigue herbs. The palate is ripe and juicy with lots of finesse, notes of mocha and good minerality too. It has a glorious mouthfeel, is long and linear on the finish. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 16+.

Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes

160.00

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah and 20% Mourvèdre. Intense black fruits on the nose – blackcurrant, blackberry and blueberry. Concentrated and pure with an exotic luxuriousness. Very explosive impact in the mouth with lots of concentration and forest fruit flavours. Powerful yet restrained. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 17.

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

est. 140.00

30% Grenache, 15% Viognier, 15% Roussanne, 10% Marsanne, 10% Picpoul, 10% Clairette and 10% Bourboulenc. Lovely flavours of green orchard fruits, pear, apricot and peach with a touch of apple skin pithiness – some nutty almond notes show too. The palate is delicious and round with white fleshed peaches and wet stone minerality. The flavour lingers on the finish that is heightened by a good touch of acidity. Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 17.

Red

Lirac La Dame Rousse

est. 98.00

50% Grenache and 50% Syrah. A fleshy nose showing high tones of raspberry and blackberry. Very fine and very ripe fruit though with good balancing acidity. This is a delicious Dame Rousse, the tannins are up front, integrated and silky and the oak comes through on the back of the palate. It packs a punch and is delicious. Drink from 2013+. Genesis Score 16.5+.

Lirac La Reine des Bois

est. 155.00

33% Grenache, 33% Syrah and 33% Mourvèdre. With a nice touch of oak, there are lovely mulberry and blackberry fruits on the nose. The palate is intense with exotic and sweet red fruits. Light, toasty notes complement the soft tannins. This wine has a lot of depth and will age beautifully. Drink from 2014. Genesis Score 17.

Châteauneuf du Pape La Reine des Bois - Very, very limited

est. 450.00

80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Syrah, Counoise & Vaccarèse. Heady, spicy perfume aromas – strawberry and plum jam notes with oak undertones. The palate is succulent and silky yet is not a trans-Atlantic style. This has so much polish and concentration but extraordinary freshness and suppleness to boot. The wine has great natural structure. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 18.5+.

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 also has access to some ancient vine fruit in its vineyard to the north of the appellation. The man in charge of this legacy is Jean-Paul Daumen and he oversees everything using minimum 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. We will be offering the 2009 early in the New Year.

Red

Côtes du Rhône 2008

120.00

Lots of purity here and very Burgundy like. Lovely cherry fruits on the nose. The palate has a silky mouth feel, warm and very inviting. There are undertones of oak and soft red fruits. The finish is long with smooth tannins and light cherry fruits.

Drink from 2011. Genesis Score 16.5.

Châteauneuf du Pape 2008

390.00

With lots of lovely black fruits, there are also undertones of herbal and spice notes on the nose. Typical of the domaine, there is a slight creamy texture that creates a mouth-coating and supple texture. The tannins are well-integrated, giving the wine structure and a long persistent finish. This shows how good some 2008s really are. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 18.

Domaine de 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 - Very, very limited

310.00

70% Roussanne, 30% Bourboulenc. A temptingly fresh fragrant nose. Notes of apricot, peach and brioche. Sumptuous on the palate with a warming mineral character, rounded with a lovely texture. Drink from 2011+. Genesis Score 18.5.

Red

Lirac Domaine de la Lorentine

110.00

33% Grenache, 33% Mourvèdre and 33% Syrah. Very upfront with lovely ripe cherry and blackberry fruits - wonderful cassia too.

Ripe tannins at the front of the palate provide a little grip. Balanced acidity & minerality give a long and elegant finish.

Absolutely spot on. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 16+.

Châteauneuf du Pape

310.00

80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 7% Syrah and 3% Cinsault. Aromas of rich black fruits - cherry and blackberry - there is a little green pepper too. With plenty of concentration this wine comes across pure and elegant with its warm soft round tannins and minerality. The finish is long with some acidity carrying the ripe fruits through on the back of the palate. Sexy!

Drink from 2014+. Genesis Score 17.5.

Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes - Very, very limited

850.00

Brilliant nose with sweet cherry fruits. There is some good freshness, spice and a little toast - very intense. On the palate it is hugely powerful with flavours of blackberry, red cherry, blueberry and a sensationally silky structure. There is fantastic, immense length and fine tannins that are smooth and round on the finish. Drink from 2016+. Genesis Score 18.5+.

Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf du Pape

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

White

Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc Cuvée La Fontaine 310.00

100% Roussanne. 50% new wood. Wonderful perfume of white flowers and orchard blossom. Pear and cooked apple blended with lovely vanilla notes also evident. The palate is abundant with white-fleshed fruits and a touch of oak. There is a certain exotic character and the refreshing orange peel and hint of citrus creates a lingering finish. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 18+.

Red

Gigondas Alain Jaume 125.00

85% Grenache and 15% Syrah. Wonderful Gigondas nose - blackberry and garrigues on the nose, with notes of liquorice and cedar. The palate expresses up front, sweet black fruits, hints of toast and glycerol complement the freshness and purity of this wine. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 16.5.

Châteauneuf du Pape 210.00

Lovely warm notes of black fruits, some spice also on the nose. With lots of concentration and full, round tannins on the palate, this wine has black forest fruits that are rich and persistent. The finish is long, expressing good minerality. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 16.5+.

Châteauneuf du Pape Les Origines 290.00

100% Grenache. Very intense nose, more finesse and black fruits than the straight Châteauneuf, it jumps out of the glass, with a concentration of juicy loganberry and mulberry. The palate is fresh, silky and elegant. Very lavish in style. The black sweet fruits and cassis make this wine hedonistic and lasting on the finish. Drink from 2016. Genesis score 18+.

Châteauneuf du Pape Vieilles Vignes 500.00

100% Syrah. A concentrated nose of warm black fruits sprinkled with white pepper. There is also a pleasing vanilla sweetness. The mouthfeel is plush with finely grained, upfront tannins which coat the mouth. This wine has good minerality and a drop of acidity which carries these wonderful black fruits through on the finish. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 18.5.

La Ferme du Mont, Châteauneuf du Pape (new grower)

Family owned and operated by the Vedeau family, Stephane Vedeau produces some of the finest wines. With an endless passion for Grenache grapes they tend 50 hectares of old vines over several appellations. The vines grow in a completely natural environment in harmony with the provincial vegetation. The wines really express the terroir of their vineyards and climate. Producing only the finest wines from top quality grapes FDM's wines are undeniably excellent. We are extremely pleased to have introduced La Ferme du Mont to the Genesis portfolio.

Red

Côtes du Rhône Villages 78.00

High tones of blackberry and plum with cooked raspberry fruits and a hint of oak. On the palate the fruit envelops the mouth followed by smooth velvet tannins. The oak follows through on the back, sweet with hints of vanilla. This wine has lots of structure and is very pure at the same time. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 16+.

Châteauneuf du Pape Côtes Capelan 2008 270.00

The red fruits – raspberry and mulberry – are sweet and rich on the nose, with delicate notes of leather and spice. With good concentration, there is an excellent balance of fruit, oak, acidity and tannins. The finish is long with lingering sweet red fruits that are more obvious than oak and tannin. A storming 2008. Drink from 2013+. Genesis score 18+.

Châteauneuf du Pape Côtes Capelan 2009 300.00

The nose expresses mocha and coffee bean notes blended with rich, red fruits. Hedonistic, this wine has glycerol notes too. Very lush on the palate, there is terrific freshness about this, and will age to be an outstanding wine. Drink from 2015. Genesis Score 18+.

Le Clos du Caillou, Châteauneuf du Pape

Team Caillou consists of owner Sylvie Vacheron, winemaker Bruno Gaspard and larger than life consultant Philippe Cambie, and their game plan involves 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.

Le Clos du Caillou made the decision to no longer offer their wines en primeur last year. Therefore we will not be offering any 2009s until late Spring 2011 when they are released. Sylvie Vacheron made it clear to us when we visited that all allocations of 2009 will be based on the orders of the 2008. As we did not offer the 2008 last year, we are pleased to offer the single cuvée produced this year.

Red

Châteauneuf du Pape 2008

240.00

70% Grenache, 16% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah and 4% Cynsault Vaccarèse. Cherry fruits on the nose with lovely purity and freshness. The palate is creamy with great finesse. Supple notes of black fruit flavours and spice and prevalent. The finish is long and very well balanced. Drink from 2013+. Genesis Score 17.

Domaine Tour Saint Michel, Châteauneuf du Pape (new grower)

Owned by the Fabre family for 3 generations, Tour Saint Michel are new producers to the Genesis portfolio. Located in Châteauneuf-du-Pape, the daughters of Henri Fabre run the day to day operations of the estate. They own and maintain 40 hectares of grapes of which 35 are situated in Châteauneuf-du-Pape with a remaining 3 hectares for Côtes-du-Rhône and 2 hectares for table wines. Tour Saint Michel produces a feminine style of wines, fruit focused and very approachable. We are excited to have such a high calibre of wines to offer and hope you enjoy them too.

White

Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc

160.00

50% Grenache and 50% Clairette. 100% new wood. Exuberant nose of orchard blossom, white-fleshed peach and a touch of honey. Very elegant, this has big concentration and a flint-like character. The mouthfeel is very rounded and fresh with a touch of almond and heat on the finish. Wonderfully fresh and lingering on the finish. Drink from 2012. Genesis Score 17.

Red

Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée des Deux Soeurs

165.00

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsault and Mourvedre. Raspberry and strawberry nose with a touch of spice. This wine is robust, medium-bodied and with elegant tannins. More feminine in style, the mouthfeel is silky and decadent. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 17.

Châteauneuf du Pape La Tour du Lion

210.00

75% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Mourvedre and Cinsault. Wonderful complex nose of warm fruit and sweet spices, this wine is full-bodied and warm with expressive aromas of exotic red fruits. The palate is succulent with lovely minerality on the finish. Drink from 2013. Genesis Score 17.5.

Châteauneuf du Pape Ferminessance

275.00

75% Grenache and 25% Syrah. Blackcurrant and blueberry fruits on the nose, is very floral with violet and white flowers, with undertones of cinnamon and vanilla. Full-bodied in style, the tannins are elegant and the mouthfeel is very long and complex. The finish is delicious. Drink from 2016+. Genesis Score 18.5+.

Faugères

Domaine des Trintés

Simon Coulshaw, an Englishman raised in France, recently visited Genesis with his range of wines from Domaine de Trinités in Faugeres. Simon's first vintage from the estate was in 2007. In 2009, he will release his top cuvée (Cuvée 42) En Primeur. We are happy to offer this as an extra temptation to the Rhône offer. Simon has had a long time passion for wine, a welcomed inheritance from his father. In his younger years he worked various harvests across Europe before pursuing a career in IT. After graduating with a Viticulture and Oenology degree he kicked off in search of a vineyard. 100 sites later he settled for a property in Faugères. It was a match made in heaven, the union of the Syrah grape and North facing dark Schist slopes. With a range of wines this is the first time Simon has released this cuvée, some might call it the answer to the riddle of the universe, Simon calls it Cuvée 42.

Domaine des Trintés Cuvée 42, Faugères

est. 380.00

33% Grenache, 33% Syrah and 33% Mouverdre. Deep rich purple colour. This wine has intense blueberry and black forest fruits on the nose. The palate is rich with dark chocolate and black fruit flavours - there are also notes of thyme, rosemary and light smoked chilli spice. The finish is pure and lasting with vibrant tannins.

Drink from 2016+. Genesis Score 18.

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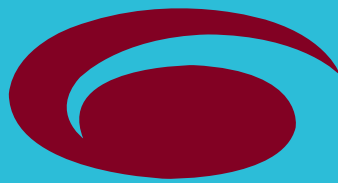
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