

Rhône 2017 En Primeur Offer

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Introduction

The Rhône valley is once more on a roll, and for a third consecutive time, the region has produced wines of incredible quality. The 2017 vintage in the Rhône valley had a couple of very hard acts to follow. Both 2015 and 2016 were exceptional, but quality is superb and we were hugely impressed by the wines tasted.

“Lovers of Northern Rhône wines should be smiling about the 2017s. Buyers should be stockpiling their favourites”.

Joe Czerwinski - The Wine Advocate

That is not to say that all went smoothly. There were many challenges in the vineyards and production is down by around 40% compared to the 2016 vintage. This was caused by a couple of main factors. The Spring saw a prolonged period of cold temperatures, especially during March and April. This caused coulure; the failure of grapes to develop after flowering. The Southern Rhône took a greater loss from this due to the susceptibility of Grenache to succumb to coulure.

After a cool start to the vintage, it started to return to normal in terms of temperature. 2017 was a slightly warmer vintage than 2016 but simply looking at temperature doesn't tell the whole story. The spell from May to October was one of the driest ever experienced in the Rhône, only 0.2ml fell in this period in the south. The first comment from everyone we spoke to on the difficulties faced in 2017 pointed towards the lack of rain.

Many older vines with deeper root systems were able to cope with the drought like conditions, yet with lower yields. Some younger vines were less resilient and simply shut down. Despite the low yields, which provides the second reason production is down, all the energies of the vines were focused on the smaller crop massively benefiting the quality of the fruit.

The benefit of the testing nature of 2017 for the vines is that the harvest produced grapes with huge concentration which have in turn produced wines of great intensity. While the 2016s required extra work in the winery to extract flavour, the 2017 needed very little intervention. Stefan Verdeau of Clos Bellane stated “it is very easy and tempting to over extract but a gentle approach was needed”.

“The Southern Rhône has been blessed with great wines in several recent vintages; 2015, 2016 and 2017”.

Joe Czerwinski - The Wine Advocate

The openness of the wines means that this is not a vintage to store and forget about for years. These are wines that are offering so much straight out of the gate. While those with more significant tannic structure need a few years to soften out, the story here is all about the concentrated nature of the fruit coupled with an elegant and light feel. Marilou Vacheron of Clos de Caillou told us that the vintage shows “concentration balanced with elegance”.

The downside is that with the fall in production, invariably prices will rise. Despite this, we feel that this is a vintage to buy now. Due to lower production, many cuvées will not reach the secondary market meaning the En Primeur offering is likely to be the only chance to get your hands on many of these bottlings.

We hope you enjoy the breadth of producers and range we are able to offer and if you have any questions or would like to discuss your order this year, please don't hesitate to call us on 020 7963 9060 or email us at finewine@genesismwines.com.

Olivier Marie & Phil Maddison, Genesis Wines

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Northern Rhône

£ per case of 6 IB

Jean-Luc Jamet, Ampuis

One of the most famous names in the Northern Rhône, Jean-Luc and Jean-Paul split the Domaine in 2013 and the vineyards were divided between the two. While Jean-Paul was the face of the operation, Jean-Luc was toiling among the vines and needless to say, his skill, knowledge and experience of crafting these legendary wines has continued through into his own eponymous Domaine.

Boasting exceptional sites in La Landonne and Lancement among others, the Côte Rôtie punches well above its weight with captivating concentration and intensity, and layers of flavours which build and develop. The other cuvees should not be overlooked, originating from vineyards in plots which far outweigh the Côtes du Rhône and Collines Rhodaniennes appellations.

White

Côtes du Rhône Blanc "Couzou" 2017

£80

"Made in the lieu-dit Bonnavieres, this wine comes from a 1 ha plot, is fermented in stainless steel vats and then matured in 2/3rds steel and 1/3rd used oak. One of a kind as 2017 did not go through malolactic fermentation. Youthful and lifted presenting primary aromas reminiscent of fresh white flowers and tertiary notes of dried fruits and almonds. The lemony character on the palate is pleasant and gives it tension and vivacity. The finish is long and generous with chiselled acidity. Will keep 3-5 years". Genesis Wines

Red

IGP Les Collines Rhodaniennes Syrah "La Valline" 2017

£80

"Totally destemmed, this 1.5 ha plot produces on average 7000 bottles. Youthful and displaying a fruit offering and primary character which reminded me of crunchy blueberries and freshly picked brambles. The finely grained tannins are almost sandy in texture and bring dimension to the rich, voluptuous palate which possesses a generous finish". Genesis Wines

Côtes du Rhône "L'Enclave" 2017

£84

A 1 ha plot of young Syrah which is locked between Côte Rôtie vines in the Le Champon and Bonnavieres terroir.

"Truly impressive on the nose with smoked complex aromas of cured meat, soot and incense. Youthful with intense sweet notes of dark berries mixed with dark plums and morello cherries. Aristocratic and showing real breed. Punches way above its weight for a Côtes du Rhône. Unfortunately this is ultra limited as production is microscopic." Genesis Wines

Côte Rôtie "Les Terrasses" 2016

£300

"Youthful nose, rather restrained and undemonstrative at this stage. Compact and dense with a sturdy nature and an almost uncivilized, introvert first nose. With air, it develops gently and offers more aromatics with touches of lavender and lilac. This is clearly a wine whose embryonic character will develop gracefully over time. The towering tannins are firm and majestic but will soften into lace. This is built to last two or three decades but it will reach its plateau in ten years time. Needs decanting if opened within five years". Genesis Wines

Domaine Aléofane - Natacha Chave, Mercuriol

A real tour de force, Natacha runs this small estate which bears her name with an infectious enthusiasm. The winery is meticulous and this approach carries through to her knowledge of the intricacies of every inch of her plots in St Joseph and Crozes Hermitage. When tasting the vintage it is clear that all the nuances of each cuvee had been intended and these are very much hand crafted with huge care and attention.

Red

Crozes Hermitage 2017

£65

"An enticing nose with a floral touch and real depth. Dark fruits and a hint of smokiness on the palate with a balanced and laid back feel. Well integrated, seductive tannins contribute to a silky finish". Genesis Wines

St Joseph 2017

£85

"More obvious and upfront fruit combines with smoked meats offering a complex nose. Bright red fruits reminiscent of redcurrant and cranberry with a structure underpinned by prominent but fine tannins". Genesis Wines

Pierre Gaillard, Malleval

Pierre was delighted to welcome us to his estate which is located less than a mile from the picture postcard village of Malleval, built into the impossibly steep sided slopes which plunge down towards the Rhône. A larger than life character in many ways, we tasted through a vast array of different samples from the huge range Pierre produces and have picked the cream of the crop to bring you top quality Condrieu and Cornas, alongside his three bewitching cuvees of Côte-Rôtie.

White

Condrieu L'Octroi 2018

£162

"This feels restrained for a Condrieu initially but gradually opens out and displays exotic fruit flavours. Everything is underpinned by a racy acidity and a mineral backbone which ensures every aspect of this wine is in perfect balance. Superb!" Genesis Wines

Red

Cornas 2017

£135

"Initial dark fruits complemented by notes of spice and smoke. There is great texture brought in by the fruit which offers some rusticity. The classic muscular style of Cornas is obvious, yet in tune with the vintage, this is eminently approachable. Finishing with civilised and polished tannins this will offer great pleasure in its youth without the requirement of many years cellaring to reach its drinking window." Genesis Wines

Côte Rôtie 2017

£170

"Tasted direct from barrels of individual plots which will form the final blend, the potential here is enormous. Each barrel offers slightly different characteristics and will bring an extra dimension to the final blend. We cannot wait to try the finished product!" Genesis Wines

"Gaillard's 2017 Côte Rôtie features aromas of briary herbs, smoked meat and ripe cherries. It's medium-bodied, not overly concentrated, with attractive, silky tannins and a mouthwatering finish."

89-91pts - Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker .com

Côte Rôtie Esprit de Blonde 2017

£260

"Of the two single vineyard Côte Rôties, this is the more feminine. Lifted by the 9% Viognier which adds a floral gracefulness to the wine, the bright red fruit is intense and juicy. This is accentuated by mouthwatering acidity and ends with a long finish. The stand out of the range in my view." Genesis Wines

Côte Rôtie Rose Poupre 2017

£345

"Using 100% Syrah this is much more muscular than the Esprit. With huge deepness, richness and concentration, the black and red fruits are wrapped up in layers of black olive and gaminess which give a glimpse into the complexity which will develop here. Finishing with towering tannins which offer real grip, this will have a long life ahead of it." Genesis Wines

Southern Rhône

Domaine de la Monardière

Out of the 175 wine growers in Vacqueyras, less than a third grow, vinify and bottle their own wines. Domaine la Monardière are part of the minority that do it all themselves. Established in 1987 by the Vache family, the family-owned domaine has managed, in its relatively short history, to cement itself as one of the top names in the region. All of the vineyards are certified organic, with harvesting done by hand and fermentation started naturally with indigenous yeasts. All the reds are pumped over, with some cuvées benefiting from punching down for maximum extraction. After ageing the wines are not fined or filtered, and have very minimal amounts of added sulphur.

Red

Vacqueyras Deux Monardes 2017

£65

"60% Grenache, 30% Syrah with the remainder Mourvèdre, Cinsault and Carignan. Deep black fruit with liquorice, mint and black pepper underlies a fuller style of wine than many in this vintage. There is a great lifting minerality and the soft tannins complement a very well crafted and balanced wine on the finish". Genesis Wines

Vacqueyras Vieilles Vignes 2017**£90**

"From 60-70 year old vines, this blend of 75% Grenache backed up with equal quantities of Mourvèdre and Carignan is aged for 18 months in demi-muids. Tasted from the barrel, there is a persistent mix of red and black fruit with excellent concentration. Mouthfilling tannins with a chalky texture build with each taste demonstrating that this will need some time in bottle. There is huge concentration with a persistent juiciness which continues on a very long finish". Genesis Wines

Domaine de la Mordorée, Tavel

Until his untimely death in 2015, Mordorée's Christophe Delorme was considered to be one of the very best vigneron in the region. Founded by Christophe in 1986 at age 24, along with his father, the Domaine now has more than 50 hectares under vine across Lirac, Tavel and Châteauneuf. Hand harvesting, low yields and low intervention were very important to Christophe and the estate still practices organic methods. Appearing in Robert Parker's 'The World's Greatest Wine Estates' where he describes their Châteauneuf as "spectacular" as well as stating that they "produce the finest Liracs of the appellation", these wines are some of the best we've tasted this year.

White**Lirac Blanc Reine des Bois 2018****£85**

"A blend of Grenache Blanc and seven other grape varieties. A full-bodied and rich expression, stone fruit and tropical fruit along with honeysuckle and floral notes combine in a very full-flavoured style. There is a freshness brought on by the acidity but this has room for development and will gain real complexity with a few years in the bottle". Genesis Wines

Rosé**Tavel Rosé Reine des Bois 2017****£78**

"Bold, intense and flavorful, the 2017 Tavel La Reine des Bois continues to set the standard for the appellation. It's a rich, full-bodied rosé, with lush, mouthfilling flavors of cherries, raspberries and white chocolate, underscored by lime zest and refreshing brine notes. The price is creeping up, but it remains a benchmark in terms of quality".

93pts - Joe Czerwinski - Robertparker.com

Red**Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Dame Voyageuse 2017****£150**

"Tasted single plots in barrel which will be combined to form the final blend. Grenache shows juicy and fresh crushed red fruits with a hint of mint. Tannins are light and smooth. Syrah has dark fruit flavours with hints of cured meats. Rounded, deep and heady with tannins bringing great texture". Genesis Wines

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Reine des Bois 2017**£205**

"Tasted single plots in barrel which will be combined to form the final blend. Grenache has mainly black fruit with liquorice. Feels light but the tannins on the finish demonstrate the structure that will bring ageworthiness to the final blend. Syrah has very intense red and black fruit, with the acidity bringing a lively feel. Lovely wet stone minerality running through". Genesis Wines

Domaine Grand Veneur, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Since taking over the running of the Domaine, which dates back to 1826, Christophe and Sébastien (Alain Jaume's sons) have been regularly acquiring top scores and accolades from the critics. Thankfully though, they have kept their prices grounded despite this added attention. The range here is superb - the La Fontaine Blanc is consistently one of Châteauneuf's best whites and the Vieilles Vignes is consistently rated amongst the wines of the vintage.

White**Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Fontaine 2017****£170**

"100% Roussanne from old vines between 40-50 years old, grown on the ideal north-facing slopes. Flavours of pear and a hint of pineapple, this is a rich style of white. Heady and opulent mouthfeel but the minerality running through keeps everything in balance. This has definite ageing potential of up to 10 years." Genesis Wines

"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Fontaine is all roussanne, marked by scents of flowers and tropical fruit. A blend of barrel and tank-fermented portions, it's full-bodied, plush and rich, picking up complex hints of citrus, honey, clove, baking spices and pencil shavings on the long finish. Tasted twice, with consistent notes".

92-95pts - Joe Czerwinski - Robertparker.com

Red

Côtes du Rhône Reserve 2017

£42

"Always classic, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Reserve has a great nose of blackberries, peppery herbs and dried earth. It's charming, medium-bodied and rounded, with light tannins and tons of charm. The blend is 70/30 Grenache and Syrah brought up all in concrete tanks".

87-89pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Origines 2017

£170

"Also brilliant, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Origines (50% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre and 20% Syrah brought up in 50% new barrels) boasts a deep purple color as well as loads of dark fruits, liquorice, graphite and building minerality. It's full-bodied and concentrated, with stunning purity of fruit. It's similar in style to the 2016 and is going to drink nicely in its youth as well".

93-95pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes 2017

£300

"The flagship is the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieille Vignes, a slightly heavy Mourvèdre blend of 45% each of Mourvèdre and Grenache, with 10% Syrah. Aged 16 months in 55% new French oak (the balance is in concrete), this deep, rich, full-bodied beauty boasts killer notes of black and blue fruits, graphite, charred meat and crushed rocks. It's straight, focused and concentrated on the palate, with great, great intensity".

95-97pts - Jeb Dunnuck

La Ferme du Mont, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Stéphane Vedeau is one of the new breed of growers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape and like Natacha Chave in the north, is making some superb wines whilst somewhat flying under the radar. Stéphane's passion is for Grenache, he tends 50 hectares of old vines over several appellations where he allows the vines to grow in a completely natural environment - in harmony with the native vegetation and without the use of pesticides.

Red

Côtes du Rhône, 1er Côte 2017 - La Ferme du Mont

£39

"The 2017s look to be brilliant wines pretty much across the board. Exotic, with lots of spice, sappy green herbs, flowers, and orange peel notes, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Première Côte is medium-bodied, fresh and elegant on the palate. It's not a powerhouse, yet has finesse and elegance. The blend is 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and the rest Mourvèdre, brought up all in concrete tanks".

88-90pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Côtes du Rhône Villages Le Ponnant 2017

£50

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages Le Ponnant offers more depth and richness as well as darker fruits, spice, saddle leather, and dried flower aromas and flavors. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, beautifully balanced, and long".

90-92pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Gigondas Jugunda 2017

£88

"The 2017 Gigondas Jugunda is another full-bodied, flamboyant example of this cuvée, a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. Loaded with scents of mocha, raspberries and orange zest, it finishes long and velvety".

91-93pts - Joe Czerwinski - Robertparker.com

"The 2017 Gigondas Jugunda is another perfumed, forward, incredibly sexy barrel sample from 2017. Medium to full-bodied, voluptuous, and already hard to resist, it sports a deep ruby color as well as loads of spiced red and black fruits, cedarwood, and garrigue aromas and flavors. It's moderately tannic and should drink nicely right out of the gate".

90-92pts - Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vendange 2017**£132**

"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vendange has a concentrated, medium to full-bodied style as well as some exotic, sappy herbs, and spring flower aromas and flavors. Leading with more dark fruit, it gains depth and richness with time in the glass and will certainly be an outstanding wine".

91-93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Capelan 2017**£248**

"The flagship is the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Capelan, and in 2017 it's 80% Grenache, and 10% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre brought up in 70% new barrel (although you wouldn't know it by tasting it). Already complex and layered, with fabulous notes of saddle leather, smoked black fruits, garrigue and lavender, this beauty is full-bodied, powerful and concentrated, yet has stunning purity and freshness. It's up with the gems of the vintage".

94-97pts – Jeb Dunnuck**Clos Bellane, Châteauneuf-du-Pape**

Reached after several failed attempts to find the estate down very small country lanes, Clos Bellane is situated off the beaten track on some of the highest land in the Southern Rhône. Under the guidance of Stephane Vedeau, Clos Bellane produces exceptional wines which punch well over the simple Côtes du Rhône appellation they fall under. Using organic viticulture and minimal intervention, the style of the vintage worked perfectly with Stephane's approach of producing wines which he described as intellectual and which impressed us massively.

White**Côtes du Rhône Blanc "Les Echalas" 2015****£93**

"Terrific notes of apple blossom, white flowers, and an obvious salinity emerge from the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages Valréas Blanc, which is a mix of varieties brought up all in tank. It's elegant, has good concentration and bright acidity, and is a steal at the price."

92pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Côtes du Rhône Blanc "Marsanne Resurrection" 2017 (very limited availability)**£120**

"Tasted out of bottle, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages Valréas Marsanne Résurrection (100% Marsanne) also has some obvious toastiness and subtle oak as well as classic apple, white flowers, spice, and toasted nut aromas and flavours. It has plenty of freshness as well as good acidity."

90+pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Red**La Petite Bellane 2017****£35**

"A fruit forward style with intense red and black fruit. Medium bodied with a zesty refreshing acidity. Juicy ripe tannins combine to add a little complexity to the finish but this is an easy drinking wine which begs to be opened soon to appreciate it in its prime." Genesis Wines

Côtes du Rhône Villages Valréas 2017**£47**

"Peppery herbs, flowers, and mint as well as plenty of black (and some blue) fruits emerge from the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Villages Valréas. Based on 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah, it's medium-bodied, nicely concentrated, and balanced, with both richness and freshness".

90-92pts – Jeb Dunnuck**Châteauneuf-du-Pape "Urgonien" 2017****£135**

"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Urgonien 1.14 ha offers a more nuanced, elegant, even pretty style as well as plenty of strawberry, sappy flowers, mint, and exotic notes. Medium-bodied, with good acidity and moderate tannin, it's going to drink nicely right out of the gate".

90-93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Le Clos du Caillou, Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Whilst the history of Clos du Caillou dates back to the early 20th century, the Domaine has only been bottling its own wine since 1993. Now run by owner Sylvie Vacheron, winemaker Bruno Gaspard and larger than life consultant Philippe Cambie, Clos du Caillou use biodynamic practices to produce stunning wines from vines with an average age of over 40 years (and some over 100 years). The range of Côtes du Rhône is well worth noting here, as they are produced from vineyards that are only just outside of the Châteauneuf appellation and had it not been for a bureaucratic disagreement, some of them would be considered part of it - Châteauneuf terroir for Côtes du Rhône prices!

White

Côtes du Rhône Blanc La Reserve 2017

£124

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône Reserve Blanc is all Clairette Rosé, aged in demi-muids for three months, just to round it out a bit. It's medium to full-bodied, with striking passionfruit and nectarine aromas, a rich silky mouthfeel and a long finish of honeyed lime zest. It's a terrific effort to drink over the next few years."

93pts - Joe Czerwinski - Robertparker.com

"Made from 100% Clairette Rosé, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Reserve Blanc is another lightly colored white from this estate. Tart pineapple, melon, and Meyer lemon notes all flow to a vibrant, fresh, racy white that has beautiful acidity, impeccable balance, and a great finish. More spice and hints of pear developed with time in the glass. It was brought up in tank, barrique, and demi-muids"

93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Red

Côtes du Rhône Le Caillou 2017

£52

"A blend of purchased and estate wines, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Le Caillou is unabashedly fun to drink. It's not the most complex wine you'll find, but this full-bodied effort offers vibrant cherry fruit, zesty acids and soft, velvety tannins. Drink it over the next 4-5 years"

90pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

Côtes du Rhône Bouquet des Garrigues 2017

£69

"Tasted from foudre, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Bouquet des Garrigues looks to be a rich, velvety version of this cuvée. Full-bodied, intense and loaded with cherry and raspberry fruit, it still boasts lovely namesake hints of lavender and thyme"

90-93pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

Côtes du Rhône Les Quartz 2017

£98

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône Les Quartz looks to be something special. Full-bodied, concentrated and velvety, it delivers intense fruit notes of ripe raspberries and stone fruit that linger on the finish"

91-94pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône Les Quartz is 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah (slightly less Grenache than normal). It sports a medium ruby color to go with a beautiful bouquet of framboise, wild strawberries, smoked earth, and spice. It's medium-bodied, silky, incredibly elegant, and again, displays a Burgundian-like elegance and purity"

90-92pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Côtes du Rhône La Reserve 2017

£127

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône La Reserve is full-bodied, rich and velvety, easily the equal of many CdPs. It's also beautifully red fruited and floral, with a stunningly long, vibrant and zesty finish"

92-94pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"Based on 65% Grenache and 35% Mourvèdre, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône La Reserve is the flagship Côtes du Rhône from the estate. It's slightly more purple in color and has darker notes of black cherries, black raspberries, crushed rocks, and garrigue, and minerality. Medium to full-bodied, seamless, and silky, with fine tannin and a beautiful finish, it's a gorgeous wine that I'd happily have in the cellar"

91-94pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Caillou 2017**£128**

"The sample of the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Caillou I tasted represented about 80% of the blend, according to Bruno Gaspard, the hands-on winemaker. It's full-bodied, rich and velvety yet endowed with copious red berries, flowers and stone fruit. It seems more concentrated than typical for this cuvée".

92-94pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"Framboise, spice, dried flowers, and hints of orange peel all emerge from the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, which is elegant, seamless, and fine, yet certainly has some tannin. It's very much in the new style of this estate, is perfectly balanced, and has a great finish".

90-93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Safres 2017**£173**

"Like the other 2017s here, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Safres is full-bodied, concentrated and velvety in texture, while boasting exceptional aromas and flavors of red raspberries and ripe cherries. Ripe, supple and long, it should be a winner".

93-95pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"Slightly deeper ruby-colored, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Safres comes all from sandy/sandstone (aka Safres in French) soils and is a Grenache-dominated blend. Black raspberries, garrigue, some earthy, floral notes and ample minerality all emerge from this beautiful wine. With medium to full-bodied richness, a seamless texture, and good purity of fruit, it's another weightless wine that's going to drink nicely right out of the gate".

91-93pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Quartz 2017**£276**

"Sourced as always from the Les Cassanets lieu-dit, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Quartz offers a slightly darker fruit profile than the Les Safres or Le Caillou bottlings. Boysenberry and cherry fruit is subtly influenced by dried spices and cocoa powder in this full-bodied, rich and concentrated wine. It's another stunning wine from this stellar property".

94-97pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"I always love this cuvée, and the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Quartz offers a terrific perfume of black raspberries, white flowers, orange blossom, honeysuckle, and crushed rocks. It's medium to full-bodied, seamless, and finesse-driven on the palate, with the pure, elegant style of the estate front and center. It picks up more minerality with time in the glass, is beautifully balanced, and has a great finish".

94-96pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Reserve 2017**£490**

"Le Clos du Caillou's 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Reserve continues this bottling's winning ways, making three straight vintages in which I've rated it at least 97 points. Sourced from old-vine Grenache and Mourvèdre in the lieux-dits of La Guigasse and Pignan, it's rich, creamy and plush, yet it seems effortless despite the concentration. Mocha and caramelized berries finish with great length and energy. I can't wait to see how it turns out from bottle".

98-100pts – Joe Czerwinski – Robertparker.com

"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Reserve checks in as a blend of 55% Grenache and 45% Mourvèdre, which is the first time the Mourvèdre has hit this high a level. As always, it's brought up in demi-muids and has a lighter ruby color as well as a beautiful perfume of black raspberries, crushed flowers, spices, and loamy soil. Medium to full-bodied, silky and elegant, with fine tannin, it should put on weight with time in bottle and will need short-term cellaring due to the high Mourvèdre component".

94-96+pts – Jeb Dunnuck

Domaine Vallot

Based in Vinsobres, Domaine Vallot is family owned with Francois Vallot and his daughter, Anais, producing under the radar Vinsobres. Small production and biodynamic since 2007, we are delighted to offer the wines of Domaine Vallot for the first time En Primeur. We were impressed with the intensity of the 2017s and the approachability of the vintage shone through here, with the 2017 Vinsobres particularly standing out.

Red

Côtes du Rhône 2017

£38

"The entry level wine in the range by Domaine Vallot is a blend of 70% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, with small amounts of Cinsault and Clairette. Tasted from tank with bottling at the end of November, the intensity jumps out of the glass with bright fruit. On the palate, the intensity and freshness is inescapable with the high acidity bringing a taut, linear mouthfeel which will soften in bottle. Exceptional value for money". Genesis Wines

Côtes du Rhône "La Magnaneraie" 2017

£40

"99% Syrah and 1% Grenache aged in concrete, from 55 year old vines, there are only 3600 bottles produced. La Magnaneraie exhibits dark fruits with Provençal herbs on the nose. There is a lovely balance between fruit and structure finishing in a velvety finish". Genesis Wines

Vinsobres 2017

£50

"More intense on the nose with fresh blackberry and bramble fruit. Bright fruit on the palate with herbs and smoke building in the background. The big juicy character combines wonderfully with the growing complexity through to a long finish. This has great potential to improve in the next few years and was one of the real highlights of our visit to the Southern Rhône. Super!" Genesis Wines

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Availability: Demand may exceed availability on some wines and we may have to allocate stock accordingly.

Order and payment: Our minimum order is one case (4.5 litres) and all orders are subject to confirmation. Orders cannot be confirmed until payment in £ is received in full; payment may be made by direct transfer to our bank (Barclays Bank plc: Sort Code 20-51-01 Account 70246999) , by debit card or by cheque. Wines remain the property of Genesis Wines Limited until paid for in full.

Delivery: At the time of purchase, it would be greatly appreciated if you could please advise us where you would like your wines to eventually be delivered. You will be informed of the anticipated arrival of En Primeur orders at our bonded warehouse.

- Orders for onward delivery in bond will be delivered to the relevant warehouse, unless otherwise advised in writing and delivery will be charged at the prevailing rate.

- Orders for delivery to private addresses or non-bonded destinations will be charged duty, VAT and onward delivery at the prevailing rate.

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Please note that as soon as you have been notified that your wines have arrived in our bonded cellars in the UK, delivery must be arranged immediately. There is a 4 week grace period and thereafter storage charges will be incurred at the rate in force at the time. We do not currently provide a wine storage facility; however we are happy to recommend other specialists. For any unpaid storage costs incurred, your stock may be sold to cover these charges.

Damaged wines: you undertake to inspect goods on delivery and notify Genesis Wines Limited in writing within 5 days of any damaged wines or other defects.

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