

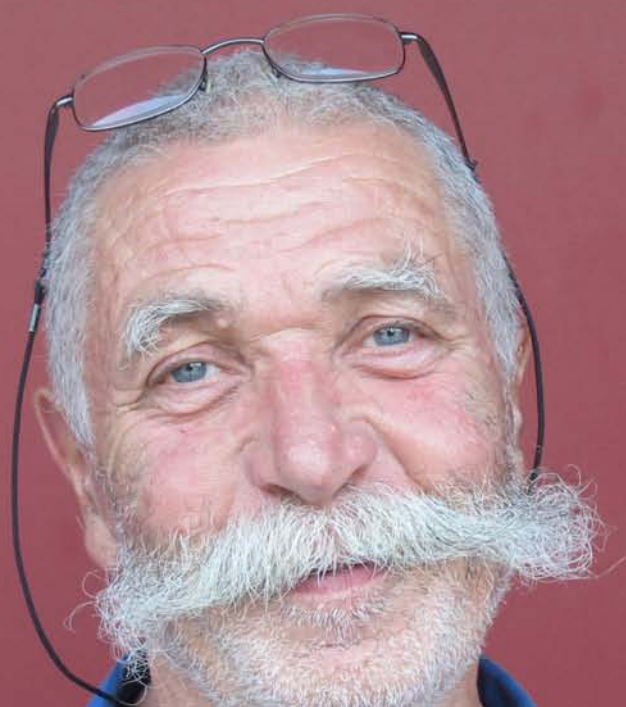
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Introduction

Tasting your way through hundreds of wines in order to get a feel for a vintage is a bit like watching the flight of starlings. There are always some smaller groups doing their own thing, but as you observe one by one, you can gradually paint a picture of the flock and where it's going; each year there is a degree of synchronicity. So what of the 2013 Rhônes?

If the Southern Rhône narrowly had the edge in 2012, it's the Northern Rhône that flies higher in 2013. In some cases much higher; some very good reds were made in 2013 and some excellent whites. But volumes are low. They are down even further in the Southern Rhône, but here the picture is a little sketchier; it's a vintage whose character has been sharply jolted by climatic conditions. Some have styled it out and made some excellent wines; others fell over and had trouble picking themselves up.

In last year's report, the wines were categorised into Northern Rhône and Southern Rhône. This year, there are three categories;

Northern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Other Côtes-du-Rhône. This should help shine a light on some Southern Rhône appellations and villages that offer excellent quality and value but are sometimes in the shadow of the Châteauneuf mothership.

I've sifted through over 1,000 different wines to produce this report. It points out those who have really stood out in the 2013 vintage. I hope it leads you to some smart purchases.



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Winemakers of the Rhône



Clockwise from top left: Florent Lançon, Christian Voeux, Bernard Faurie, Philippe Guigal, Jean-Paul Jamet, Paul-Vincent Avril, Olivier Clape



Clockwise from top left: Alain Graillot, Florence Cartier, Paul Estève, Henri Bonneau, Emmanuel Reynaud, Jérôme Bressy

The 10 things you need to know about 2013 in the Rhône



Whilst 2013 was a troublesome vintage in much of France it turned out to be largely pretty

good in the Rhône. But trying to generalise about a vintage across the Northern and Southern Rhône only ever makes any sense in the very best or very worst of vintages, and 2013 is neither of these. In the North it is good to very good; in the South, in quality terms if not character, it is average to good. But despite the challenges, some estates in the South made very good wines.



On raising the subject of the 2013 vintage with winemakers in the Southern Rhône, the first word

you will hear is coulure. This is the failure of grape clusters to form properly after flowering, and is usually caused by adverse climatic events during flowering – in this case unseasonably cold, wet spring weather. It's not a disease, and doesn't cause any residual flavour defects in the grapes like rot can, but it affects yields. Some varieties are more susceptible than others, and Grenache is one of them (not just the Grenache Noir, but also Blanc and Gris.) A loss of 20% to 30% of the crop is commonplace; some estates report losses of 70% or more. There may not have been much Grenache this vintage, but the quality of the remaining fruit was good.



Yields are the most obvious way that coulure has affected the 2013 vintage, but not the only

one. It means that many of the red blends in the Southern Rhône have been bulked out by Syrah and Mourvèdre which has resulted in some atypical wines; fortunately both of these secondary varieties performed well this year.



Since both Syrah and Mourvèdre ripen at lower alcohol levels it means that the wines are often

less alcoholic. The gradual increase of alcohol levels in the Southern Rhône is a common complaint amongst wine lovers. If the 2013s are welcomed by drinkers, I suspect we'll see an increase in plantings of Mourvèdre. Alcohol levels, though rarely a big issue in the Northern Rhône, are also relatively low this year with many wines around the 13% mark.



The cold weather at flowering also affected both red and white varieties in the Northern Rhône,

though not to the same extent. It hit the whites harder than the reds, so volumes are down significantly. This is a real shame, since otherwise this was a very good to exceptional vintage for Northern Rhône whites, particularly St Péray, St Joseph and Condrieu. The long growing season has given the Condrieus freshness, acidity, concentration and moderate alcohol levels. Condrieu can be capricious, but 2013 reminds us that it can be one of the greatest of white wines when conditions work in its favour.



This is also a good year for whites in the Southern Rhône, particularly in Châteauneuf and Cairanne and to some extent Lirac. The best display a delicious balance of concentration, freshness and acidity.



Red appellations in the Northern Rhône that have done well are

Cornas, St Joseph and there is some excellent Cote-Rôtie. Crozes-Hermitage and even the less favoured sites in Hermitage have performed less convincingly. Outside of Châteauneuf, the Southern Rhône has performed well in Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Cairanne and Lirac. Deficiencies in underperforming wines were often linked to ripeness; either lacking generosity of fruit or concealing green, astringent tannins.



The wines display a clear stamp of terroir across the region.

The growing cycle was three weeks late in getting started and it never really caught up, ending up in a very late harvest. This long, slow growing

season has resulted in good freshness in the wines (and sometimes quite pronounced acidity). Certainly no over-ripeness – what Jean-Louis Chave refers to as “one of the masks of terroir.”



This is not a vintage for long-term ageing of reds.

This is a vintage to buy the best wines with care and to enjoy them fairly young and fresh. Only the very best wines of Cornas, Hermitage and Côte-Rôtie will be worth squirreling away for long periods of time.



Though quantities are down, on the whole prices are steady.

There is still plenty of value to be had in the Rhône, from North to South, from basic to prestige, in reds and in whites.



Three key questions answered



Explain the vintage in brief.

PRODUCERS North

Jean-Paul Jamet, Domaine Jamet, Côte-Rôtie:

“Compact, dense, fresh – a vintage that requires patience.”

Jean-Louis Chave, Domaine Jean-Louis Chave, Hermitage:

“Cerebral, intellectual, northern. We have kept only what’s essential – that’s the essence of 2013.”

Alain Graillot, Domaine Alain Graillot, Crozes-Hermitage:

“A small harvest of very concentrated wine, and despite everything, balanced. It won’t necessarily be very attractive in youth, but will give a lot of pleasure eventually.”

Jean Gonon, Domaine Gonon, St Joseph:

“Solid, a bit rustic, rather spicy, with black fruits – it may have good potential, but we’ll have to wait and see.”

Franck Balthazar, Domaine Franck Balthazar, Cornas:

“Freshness, not hugely concentrated.”

PRODUCERS South

Walter McKinlay, Domaine de Murchon, Séguret:

“I don’t think 2013 will stand out as an exceptional vintage. It’s not an outstanding vintage, it’s reasonable.”

Yves Jean Houser, Domaine des Amadieu, Cairanne:

“Balance; less alcohol, more freshness.”

Romain Hall, Domaine des Bernadins, Beaumes de Venise:

“Concentration, freshness, fruit.”

Christian Voeux, Château La Nerthe, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

“Freshness, very well balanced, plenty of fine tannin.”

Paul-Vincent Avril, Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

“Elegance, balance, finesse, silkiness – not power and extraction.”



Compare 2013 to another vintage.

PRODUCERS North

Philippe Guigal, Domaine Guigal, Côte-Rôtie:

"Maybe 2001, but 2013 is smaller in production, with more dry extract and concentration."

Marc Sorrel, Domaine Marc Sorrel, Hermitage:

"Similar to 2012."

Olivier Clape, Domaine Clape, Cornas:

"2005."

Franck Balthazar, Domaine Franck Balthazar, Cornas:

"2007."

Laure Colombo, Domaine JL Colombo, Cornas:

"2007."

PRODUCERS South

Julien Latour, Domaine de l'Espigouette, Plan de Dieu:

"Between 2012 and 2011."

Romain Hall, Domaine des Bernadins, Beaumes de Venise:

"2014."

Eric Bonnet, La Bastide St Dominique, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

"Between 2004 and 2009."

Paul-Vincent Avril, Clos des Papes, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

"The elegance of 2008 with the structure of 2011. But closer to 2011 than 2008; better than 2008."

Henri Bonneau, Domaine Henri Bonneau, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

"Like 2006 – but we'll see."





Name some up-and-coming Rhône producers.

PRODUCERS North

Jean-Paul Jamet, Domaine Jamet, Côte-Rôtie:

“Johan François, Domaine François et Fils, Côte-Rôtie; Jean-Claude Mouton, Domaine Mouton, Condrieu.”

Jean Gonon, Domaine Gonon, St Joseph:

“Domaine des Miquettes in St Joseph; Johann Michel in Cornas; Domaine de Lucie in Crozes-Hermitage; Domaine Duclaux in Côte-Rôtie.”

Olivier Clape, Domaine Clape, Cornas:

“Guillaume Gilles and Mickaël Bourg, both in Cornas.”

Franck Balthazar, Domaine Franck Balthazar, Cornas:

“Guillaume Gilles and Mickaël Bourg.”

Laure Colombo, Domaine JL Colombo, Cornas:

“Mickaël Bourg in Cornas, Domaine Aurélien Chatagnier in Condrieu, Cyril Milosevic in St Péray.”

PRODUCERS South

Yves Jean Houser, Domaine des Amadieu, Cairanne:

“In Cairanne: Domain Boisson, Domaine Berthet-Rayne, Clos Romane – and ourselves!”

Walter McKinlay, Domaine de Mourchon, Séguret:

“Clos de Trias, Vaucluse.”

Julien Latour, Domaine de l’Espigouette, Plan de Dieu:

“Domaine des Garriguettes in Gadagne; Domaine Pique-Basse in Roaix; Domaine Fontaine des Fées in Séguret, Domaine Combe Julière in Rasteau, Domaine Patrice Magni in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.”

Eric Bouletin, Roucas Toumba, Vacqueyras:

“Domaine d’Ouréa, Domaine de la Monardière and Domaine Montvac in Vacqueyras; Domaine Pique-Basse in Roaix, L’Oratoire Saint Martin in Cairanne.”

Romain Hall, Domaine des Bernadins, Beaumes de Venise:

“Elodie Balme in Rasteau, Domaine Vintur in Ventoux.”

Eric Bonnet, La Bastide St Dominique, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

“Domaine de la Biscarelle in Orange; Domaine L’Abbé Dîne in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.”

Florent Lançon, Domaine de la Solitude, Châteauneuf-du-Pape:

“Eddie Féraud in Châteauneuf-du-Pape.”

Vintage guide

YEAR	NORTH	SOUTH
2013	★★★★★	★★★★★
2012	★★★★★	★★★★★
2011	★★★★★	★★★★★
2010	★★★★★	★★★★★
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2008	★★★★★	★★★★★
2007	★★★★★	★★★★★
2006	★★★★★	★★★★★
2005	★★★★★	★★★★★
2004	★★★★★	★★★★★
2003	★★★★★	★★★★★
2002	★★★★★	★★★★★



About the tastings and scores

The resulting lists of recommended wines have been distilled from a number of tastings between July and November 2014. I spent two weeks in the Rhône in July/August visiting domaines and speaking to winemakers. Then a further week and a half in October/November for more visits and daily tastings of collated samples, organised by village or appellation, of approximately 100 wines per day. I also attended tastings in London organised by various UK importers.

Most of the whites were finished and in bottle. The majority of the reds however were either tank or barrel samples. The scores for these in particular are only to be taken as an approximation. A wine can change a great deal between barrel and bottle, particularly when the final blend is yet to be decided. Where wines are unfinished, it also means that some don't have precise details on final blends or alcohol levels.

Unlike Burgundy and Bordeaux, there is no dedicated period that the UK wine trade concentrates on the Rhône. Some offers are released in November (Justerini & Brooks, H2Vin, Goedhuis) and some in February/March (Berry Brothers & Rudd, OW Loeb, Lay & Wheeler, Charles Taylor, Ten Acre Wines, Jeroboams). So some of the wines in this report are available at the time of publication, some will be offered later, and others will simply come onto the market as vintages sell through.

This makes it difficult to give stockists and prices for all the wines. Where current UK suppliers and prices are available, they are quoted. If the wine isn't yet on the market, I've used Wine Searcher pricing as a guide; either average prices across all vintages or by using a comparable vintage if this is more accurate. Where I couldn't find a stockist I've quoted retailers who stock previous vintages (or other wines by the same producer) or the producer's importer or agent; they should at least be able to guide you if they don't plan to offer the 2013s. In the rare occasion I've recommended the first vintage of a wine and it's not yet on the market, no price is given.

Rather than a list of top scoring wines, this report is intended to serve as a guide to wines that merit particular attention. It is designed to cater for different tastes and a range of budgets, and to cover a varied selection of producers and appellations. In total I tasted over 1,000 wines but it's impossible to taste at every domaine, and some producers such as Domaine Georges Vernay never show unfinished wines from barrel. Notable absences this year are: Château Grillet, Gerin, Gangloff, Allemand, Vieille Julienne and the top cuvées of Jaboulet, Beaucastel, Pegäü, la Barroche, Mas de Boislauzon and Clos St Jean... I'll try to fit them in next year.

Each note is laid out as follows:



Producer Appellation 'Wine name'

Grape variety/varieties, Alcohol level, Stockist, Price (12 bots IB), AWSP denotes average Wine Searcher price
Tasting note and other pertinent information
Drink from/to dates



Red



White



Rosé



Sweet

Guide to stockists

ARM	Armit	JEF	John E. Fells
ATD	Autrement Dit	L&W	Lay & Wheeler
BAN	Bancroft Wines	LIB	Liberty Wines
BBR	Berry Brothers & Rudd	MTZ	Mentzendorff
BIB	Bibendum Wines	NYW	Noel Young Wines
BWS	Berkmann Wine Cellars	OWL	O. W. Loeb
C&B	Corney & Barrow	P&S	Philglas & Swiggot
CST	Castang Wines	SLW	Strictly Wine
CHK	Christopher Keiller Fine Wine Services	SPW	Spirited Wines
CPW	Christopher Piper Wines	SVS	Savage Selection
CTW	Charles Taylor Wines	SVS	Stone, Vine & Sun
DAW	Darley Abbey Wines	SWG	Swig
EMW	Eminent Wines	SWI	Santé Wine Imports
ENO	Enotria	TAW	Ten-Acre Wines
EXW	Excel Wines	TFC	The Flying Corkscrew
FFW	Farthinghoe Fine Wines	THT	Thorman Hunt
FLI	Flint Wines	TWS	The Wine Society
FMV	Fields, Morris & Verdin	UNC	Uncorked
FRW	Fine & Rare Wines	UWW	Underwood Wine Warehouse
GDH	Goedhuis	VDV	Voddens Vintages
GHW	Great Horkesley Wines	VNC	Vinothentic
GON	Gauntley's of Nottingham	VNT	Vine Trail
GWD	Great Wines Direct	W2L	Wine To Lay Down
H2V	H2Vin	WON	Weavers of Nottingham
HSC	Hailsham Cellars	WST	Wine Story
IWC	Imperial Wine Company	WTR	Waitrose
J&B	Justerini & Brooks	YAP	Yapp Brothers
JAS	Jascots	YSM	Your Sommelier



Tasting notes

Top 50 Northern Rhône Reds

98

Domaine Jamet Côte-Rôtie Côte Brune

100% Syrah, BIB, £2,916.00 AWSP

90% whole bunches. Plenty of blackberry aromas here - the fruit and the bush. Brimming with violets and black pepper and some bergamot and orange peel aromas in the background. Very fragrant. Some raspberry fruit too on the palate. Very expressive and detailed. The wine is packed full of dense tannin, but all fully ripe and velour textured. A complete wine with weight, elegance and length. There is a wonderfully wild and almost rustic element to Jamet's Côte-Rôties that delivers an extraordinary level of complexity. 2023 to 2040.

97

Domaine René Rostaing Côte-Rôtie La Landonne

100% Syrah, J&B, £895.00

Wonderful aromatics here, fresh blackberry fruit, sticky duck jus, black pepper and herbs. Dense and juicy with an imposing structure. Lovely concentration and firm, ripe tannin. Long. This is serious stuff, very savoury and herbal with the guts to last. 2018 to 2030.

97

Domaine Jean Louis Chave Hermitage

100% Syrah, YAP, £1,740.00 AWSP

A tasting of the principal component lieu-dits: La Beaume, Les Bessards, L'Ermite, Le Méal and Péléat. For Jean-Louis, 2013 is "a mystery; a difficult year that has delivered great wines" and this is reflected in the tasting. The wines aren't huge and powerful in 2013, but they have considerable finesse in fruit and tannin, with great verve, freshness and balance. His 2013 Hermitage will be well-defined, detailed and unmistakably Hermitage. 2020 to 2043.

96

Domaine E. Guigal Côte-Rôtie La Landonne

100% Syrah, JEF, £3,996.00 AWSP

42 months in 100% new oak. Distinctly spicy on the nose, alongside plenty of lifted violet and black pepper. Very Northern in character. Full-bodied, with intense concentration of fruit under the considerable oak veneer. The fruit is ripe, but not overly so, and retains a sense of freshness and crispness. Straight and long with a very fine lattice of ripe tannin. 2021 to 2039.

96

M. Chapoutier Hermitage Le Pavillon

100% Syrah, J&B, £1,330.00

65-year-old vines on granite from Les Bessards. Dark, deep, inky, blackcurrant nose. Very full-bodied, beautifully fine tannins here. Bright and fresh with a lovely texture. Long, pure and straight, wonderfully fruity and showing refreshingly low alcohol. Top class. 2020 to 2042.

96

Domaine Clape Cornas

100% Syrah, FRW, £874.00

A tasting of the four main components show very different wines, all with distinct personalities. Sweet and fleshy fruits imbedded in a robust tannin and acid structure from La Petite Côte. An animal, rustic, gruff La Sabarotte. La Côte has smoky herbal aromatics, density, body and presence. And Renards, which is always an absolute joy to taste and no less so in 2013, with a beautiful expression of fruit and remarkable finesse. The general impression is one of serious structure in 2013, and strongly typical Cornas character. 2021 to 2039.

96

Domaine Vincent Paris Cornas La Geynale

100% Syrah, 14.0%, THT, £360.00 AWSP

Very intense, you can practically see the aromas. Painfully young still. Incredible concentration. Tannins are supernaturally intense, like drinking a portcullis. Very long, and underneath the armour there is plenty of fresh fruit. The tannins are only just ripe enough, but they are ripe. Does it have enough fruit to last until the point the tannins soften? I think so, just. This isn't the richest Cornas, but will make for some incredible drinking when it's ready in nearly a decade's time. 2021 to 2039.

95

Domaine François Villard Côte-Rôtie Le Gallet Blanc

99% Syrah, 1% Viognier, H2V, £320.00

Closed for now, but with an intense core of fruit. Full-bodied and concentrated, powerful, but lifted, balanced and fresh. Acidity is in balance (even slightly on the low side, but not problematically so). Savoury nose, with black olive and pink peppercorn. Ripe blackberries. All shot through with plenty of ripe, smooth, fine tannin. Very long too. This is exactly what you would hope for from Villard. 2016 to 2027.

95

Domaine Bernard Faurie Hermitage Bessards Méal

100% Syrah, J&B, £450.00

60% Bessards, 40% Méal lieux-dits. Some raspberry and black cherry alongside the blackberry fruit, this is fuller than his Greffieux Bessards blend but still relatively medium-bodied and fleet of foot for a Hermitage. Fine but firm tannins and plenty of acidity in 2013. Understated power. Bernard plans to retire after the 2015 vintage, which is a great pity as he makes an outlying but uniquely fine and elegant style of Hermitage. 2015 to 2022.

95

Domaine Pierre Gonon St Joseph

100% Syrah, 13.0%, VNT, £360.00 AWSP

Blueberries, blackberries, plums and cedar, tobacco and vanilla. Full-bodied, gorgeous, lush, intensity of fruit. Plenty of acidity, this is savoury but the fruit is perfectly ripe - just on the perfect point. Very long and perfectly balanced. Wonderfully fresh, with complexity already developing. Amazing clarity and definition of fruit. The Gonon brothers somehow manage to imbue their wines with a feeling of effortlessness and authenticity you rarely see elsewhere in St Joseph. 2015 to 2022.

95

Domaine Niero Côte-Rôtie Eminence

95% Syrah, 5% Viognier, 13.0%, BBR, £324.00 AWSP

Fine, fresh fragrance, ripe fruits; loganberry, pine needles, and a touch of resin on the nose. Medium to full with no heaviness. Good concentration, very elegant, with purity and length of flavour. Ready now, very Burgundian in style. All the elements are there, and all in balance. Very well done indeed. 2015 to 2024.



Domaine Marc Sorrel Hermitage Le Gréal

92% Syrah, 8% Marsanne, BBR, £840.00 AWSP

90% Le Méal and 10% Les Greffieux lieu-dits (hence the name). 60-year-old vines on average, 100% whole bunches. Dark in colour, deep and brooding blackberry with a touch of camphor and liquorice. Ripe fruits on the palate, and plenty of ripe tannins. Serious concentration and very long, this is a powerful wine that makes a real physical impression. This will be very impressive given time. 2021 to 2035.



Domaine Clusel-Roch Côte-Rôtie Grandes Places

100% Syrah, J&B, £575.00

Very tightly wound, warm spices just about peeping out. Concentrated and savoury, tannins a little grainier here for now, but will mellow. Very long. Lots of extract, really coats the mouth. Long term. 2019 to 2033.



Domaine Coursodon St Joseph Le Paradis Saint Pierre

100% Syrah, 13.5%, BBR, £336.00 AWSP

The nose promises a lot, but it's all very tightly wound at the time of tasting. Full-bodied, tons of intense fruit. Powerful, but really fresh and lively. Wonderful acidity and minerality on the finish. Tannins run through it like a grid, they are plentiful but very ripe. Very long. Perfectly balanced. And just 13.5% ABV. This is a brilliant wine. 2016 to 2023.



Domaine Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Confidence

100% Syrah, 13.0%, BBR, £402.00 AWSP

Violets, liquorice and fresh blackberries can just about be coaxed out of this superdense black hole of a wine. Very full-bodied, but fresh, with incredibly fine tannin, and ripe, impressively dense fruit. A pure, polished and modern expression of Cornas, but the oak use is balanced. All very vibrant and fresh. Very long and very impressive. 2020 to 2040.



Domaine Vincent Paris Cornas Granit 60

100% Syrah, 13.0%, THT, £324.00 AWSP

More tightly wound, more savoury and darker in fruit character than his Granit 30, which in itself is a very good wine. Some black pepper. Full-bodied, very rich and intense, all encased in a crunchy lattice of tannin. Very long, with balanced acidity. Serious stuff, very intense, but not without freshness and detail. You'll need patience though. 2020 to 2029.



Domaine Duclaux Côte-Rôtie Maison Rouge

100% Syrah, 13.0%, VNT, £564.00 AWSP

Very dry and austere palate, thick with coating tannin and matter. Exceptionally tight and closed, very hard to coax anything out of it at the time of tasting. But the tannins are ripe and plentiful, the acid is balanced, there is concentration and energy. This wine may prove to be exceptional - time will tell. 2017 to 2025.



Domaine Christophe Pichon Côte-Rôtie Promesse

90% Syrah, 10% Viognier, 12.5%, BBR, £308.00 AWSP

Very floral, very fruity, with noticeable oak for now but lots of highly aromatic Syrah fruit behind it. Sweet fruit on the palate, with plenty of detail already. Highly aromatic, ethereal, with good concentration of fruit, ripe tannin and good length: lots to enjoy here. A distinctly hedonistic and crowd-pleasing wine. 2015 to 2024.

94

Domaine Mouton Côte-Rôtie

100% Syrah, 13.0%, BBR, £550.00 AWSP

Perfumed, very much red fruit in character. Medium-bodied with good concentration of fruit. Acid is quite pronounced, good energy and length. Bright and fresh, elegant, very smooth in texture with suave tannins. 2015 to 2023.

94

Domaine Alain Voge Cornas Vieilles Vignes

100% Syrah, 13.5%, GDH, £350.00

Dense, herbal, liquorice nose, austere and savoury. Very full-bodied, but not massive, with lovely bright acidity, and plenty of high-toned aromatics, both red and black fruits. Lots to enjoy here. All in good balance, tannins just ripe enough. Pretty structural style, not the most generous in fruit, but wonderful Cornas character. 2015 to 2020.

94

Domaine Clusel-Roch Côte-Rôtie Viaillière

100% Syrah, J&B, £470.00

Very smoky. Struck flint, hard and mean like Clint Eastwood. Full-bodied, rich, ripe, lovely interwoven ripe tannins. Firm acids, firm finish. Good length. This will be wonderful when it's ready. 2017 to 2026.

94

Domaine du Colombier Hermitage

100% Syrah, 13.5%, GDH, £396.00

Deep, inviting nose. Lovely depth and ripeness of fruit with some star anise. Great presence. Very intense and concentrated, very long. Acid is balanced, and tannin although hefty is ripe and balanced. Very smooth in texture, tailored and crafted. Mineral finish. This will age well. 2016 to 2031.

94

Domaine Franck Balthazar Cornas Chaillot

100% Syrah, SVS, £288.00 AWSP

100% whole bunches. Deep and very expressive nose of garrigue herbs, blackberry and damson. It has the tannic structure expected of a Cornas along with a savoury dry finish but what really marks it out is the lush fruit on the mid palate and an overall lively, approachable, drinkable style. Not hugely concentrated, but good freshness and well balanced. 2015 to 2025.

94

Delas Frères Côte-Rôtie La Landonne

100% Syrah, BWS, £1,284.00 AWSP

Better than their Seigneur de Mougiron, more convincing aromatics and structure. Medium-bodied, lovely smooth texture, balanced acid and oak treatment. A touch of salinity and warm spices on the finish. Pure and long. 2015 to 2020.

93

Domaine René Rostaing Côte-Rôtie Ampodium

100% Syrah, J&B, £430.00

Clear, defined, spicy aromatics: black pepper, violets, very classic, quite intense. Medium to full with keen acidity, and some slightly grainy tannins, but these will soften with further oak ageing. Firm, intense and very fresh. 2016 to 2020.

93

M. Chapoutier St Joseph Le Clos

100% Syrah, FFW, £480.00

15-year-old vines on granitic soil. Dense, deep and intense. Very full, with coating tannins but good freshness. Some lovely expressive peppery Rhône Syrah fragrance on the nose, backed up by serious intensity on the palate. Very long, rich and ripe. 2016 to 2025.



Domaine Coursodon St Joseph L'Olive

100% Syrah, 13.5%, CTW, £288.00 AWSP

More savoury than the Silice, this has plenty of garrigue herbs, small black olives and a touch of pork crackling. Full-bodied, tons of fresh blackberry fruit on the palate. All balanced with good acidity and a hint of oak in the background. Long, juicy and very satisfying. A very good St Joseph, with lots to enjoy. 2015 to 2020.



M. Chapoutier St Joseph Les Granilites

100% Syrah, MTZ, £228.00 AWSP

Medium to full-bodied, with a good core of blackberry fruit and a squeeze of raspberry freshness. Tannins are plentiful and ripe. Finish is long, straight and deep. Some blueberry and plum on the nose too. This is very good, very fresh, and all in good balance. Powerful but restrained. Impressive stuff. 2016 to 2022.



Domaine Eric & Joël Durand Cornas Empreintes

100% Syrah, 13.0%, BBR, £240.00 AWSP

Exceptionally fine-grained tannins, very ripe and very smooth. Lovely slick of black fruits underneath: plum skin, ripe blackberries, some cassis even, all very well polished and pure. A big wine, but very well crafted, all the details have been honed to a harmonious whole. Long finish. Impressive, modern style. 2015 to 2027.



Domaine François Villard St Joseph Mairlant

100% Syrah, H2V, £165.00

Bergamot and citrus oils under layers of black fruit and lifted floral aromatics. Medium to full-bodied. Some serious fruit and layer upon layer of superfine ripe tannin all holding it down. Good length, and a savoury, satisfying, finish with a little spicy kick. Perfectly balanced, a complete wine. 2015 to 2022.



Delas Frères Cornas Chante Perdrix

100% Syrah, BWS, £264.00 AWSP

Smooth texture, lovely freshness and purity to the fruit. Very tannic, but they are ripe and integrated. Juicy blackberry and blackcurrant fruit. Long, ripe finish. Perhaps not the most complex, but very good. A smoky, spicy Cornas. 2016 to 2024.



Domaines Paul Jaboulet Aîné St Joseph La Croix des Vignes

100% Syrah, 13.0%, BIB, £528.00 AWSP

Black fruits swaddled in eucalyptus and oak. Very smooth and full with thick black fruits and ripe tannin. 20% new oak fûts here, but the fruit handles it with aplomb. Very polished, neat and tidy. Serious weight of smooth, ripe black fruits. Really builds to a crescendo on the finish, very long. Powerful, but balanced. Approaching Cornas in style, but without the tannic growl. 2016 to 2023.



Domaine Pierre Gaillard Côte-Rôtie Rose Pourpre

100% Syrah, 12.5%, H2V, £545.00

Fuller-bodied than the other Côte-Rôties from Gaillard, but still fairly gentle and restrained. Keener acidity and more tannin too. Very pure red fruits, some florality and fresh earth. Gentle, seductive, silky with a hint of pepper and spice. Good length. 2016 to 2023.



Domaine du Coulet Cornas Les Billes Noires

100% Syrah, J&B, £490.00

Very high-toned, gorgeous nose of flowers and spice. Fresh earth too. Medium to full-bodied, very vibrant and intense. Strawberry, raspberry, cherry, black cherry and woody spices. Exceptionally fresh and juicy. Not long, but a really attention-grabbing experience. Clearly minimal intervention and low sulphur. 2015 to 2025.

92

Domaine Pierre Gaillard Côte-Rôtie Esprit de Blonde

100% Syrah, 12.5%, H2V, £400.00

Wonderful fragrance: black pepper, bacon fat and black cherry. Smoky. Rounded, medium body but with a good base of tannin. Good length and drive here. Oak is noticeable but well enough integrated. Nicely balanced, very well made, but this is a wine for those who value elegance and subtlety over power. 2015 to 2021.

92

Delas Frères St Joseph Sainte Epine

100% Syrah, BWS, £288.00 AWSP

Deep, intense, fleshy plum fruit, with crème de mure and a veneer of oak. Full-bodied, very smooth tannins. All completely ripe. A polished style, modern but not flamboyant, and the oak is balanced. Long finish. A very good wine, with great freshness and tangy acidity. Very well done. Eye catching, precision made stuff. 2016 to 2021.

92

Domaine du Colombier Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Gaby

100% Syrah, 13.0%, GDH, £150.00

Deep, stewed plum and cooked blackberries. Very rounded and smooth, with exceptionally bright, fresh fruits underneath a layer of tannin. This is concentrated, long, rich, ripe, with balanced use of oak and plenty to chew on. Very good indeed. 2015 to 2021.

92

Domaine Combier Crozes-Hermitage

100% Syrah, EXW, £167.90

Brightly fruited, with bags of raspberry, blackberry and a hint of eucalyptus and pine, all brimming with life and electricity. So vibrant. Medium-bodied, with exceptionally finely grained ripe tannins. A brilliant expression of Crozes. 2015 to 2018.

92

Domaine Aléofane St Joseph

100% Syrah, 13.0%, ROB, £216.00 AWSP

Some discernible blackberry and blueberry fruit, savoury and dark fruited albeit fairly closed at the time of tasting. Smooth palate, ripe fruit and plenty of ripe tannin, showing good St Joseph character. All very harmonious and integrated, long and spicy; this is a serious wine, ambitious and successful. Nicely restrained use of oak. A remarkably intense wine for just 13% ABV. 2016 to 2021.

92

Domaine Eric & Joël Durand St Joseph Lautaret

100% Syrah, 13.0%, BBR, £216.00 AWSP

Very deeply tinted. Spicy, deep, savoury, with a hint of dark chocolate on the nose. Some juniper and plum sauce. Again, very flowing in texture, plenty of tannin, but just a little soft. A generous squeeze of acidity. These are very good St Josephs from Durand, but are more towards a ripe and yielding style rather than a solid, structural one. 2015 to 2020.

92

Domaine Emmanuel Darnaud St Joseph

100% Syrah, 13.0%, FMV, £300.00 AWSP

Chocolate covered black cherries and a whiff of charred meat. Lovely concentration of fruit and ripe tannins. Satisfying and juicy. Nicely judged, well balanced wine. 2015 to 2018.

91

Domaine Michelas-St-Jemms St Joseph Sainte Epine

100% Syrah, 13.0%, CTW, £156.00 AWSP

Lifted aromas of loganberry, damson and warm spices. Medium-bodied, but extremely fresh and lively, zinging fruit all shot through with live-wire acidity. Crackles. Perhaps just a little lacking in heft, but lots of fireworks to drink young. 2015 to 2018.

91

Domaine André Perret St Joseph Les Grisières

100% Syrah, J&B, £170.00

Bright, spicy and lively aromatics. Medium-bodied. Good acidity, very zingy and refreshing. Not the longest St Joseph perhaps, but still has lots to offer. 2015 to 2020.

91

Domaine Christophe Pichon St Joseph

100% Syrah, 12.5%, BBR, £156.00 AWSP

Deep, dark ripe fruits, a touch varnishy from the oak for now. Wonderfully fresh, not trying too hard, nicely balanced. Well ripened fruit, good tannic structure, and while a little marked by oak for now, it should balance out to deliver plenty of enjoyment in the medium term. 2015 to 2018.

91

Domaine Yann Chave Crozes-Hermitage Le Rouvre

100% Syrah, 13.0%, CTW, £216.00 AWSP

Full, rich, rounded, plenty of dark fruit all cloaked in rich, spicy oak. Well-judged oak though, with good acidity, and ends with fruit. Very well done, beautifully balanced. Not quite to the level of 2012 perhaps, but a very good wine, and as usual one of the best from Crozes. 2015 to 2019.

91

Domaine Alain Voge Cornas Les Chailles

100% Syrah, 13.5%, GDH, £230.00

Very fresh and lively nose of juniper and bay leaf. Full but not heavy. Tannins are grainy, quite robust. Good acidity here, quite a rustic style in terms of tannic structure. A leaner style that some of its contemporaries. 2015 to 2021.

91

Domaine François Villard St Joseph Reflet

100% Syrah, H2V, £238.00

Tangy crème de mure, blackcurrant and raspberry. Pine resin. Very fresh fruits and plenty of impact. Oak still noticeable on the finish, but it doesn't detract from the juicy fruit. Not terribly long, but really dynamic and vibrant. 2015 to 2018.

91

Domaine Melody Crozes-Hermitage Premier Regard

100% Syrah, 13.0%, FLI, £168.00 AWSP

Fulsome blackberry fruits with a distinctive core of bay leaf, black olive and laurel. Very smooth, fine tannins. Good acidity, and some length of bright fruits and pine resin on the finish. Good weight of tannin. 2015 to 2017.

90

Domaine Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage

100% Syrah, YAP, £204.00 AWSP

Some spicy white pepper notes and aromatic complexity from the use of whole bunches on the nose. Some good red fruit character here and plenty of freshening acidity. A very structured style of Crozes that will take some time to soften the tannins. 2016 to 2019.

90

Domaine des Remizières Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Christophe

100% Syrah, 13.0%, FMV, £276.00 AWSP

Expansive and pure plum, blackberry and blueberry nose outlined with clove. Rich, rounded, full and ripe fruit. Plenty of oak on the finish for now. Good intensity, very fresh and bright. Tannins perhaps just a touch drying, but this has good potential. 2016 to 2020.

Top 50 Châteauneuf- du-Pape Reds

96

Domaine Henri Bonneau Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Approximately 90% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre/Syrah/Counoise/Vaccarèse, BBR, £948.00 AWSP

Only one cuvée made this year, it's unlikely to make a Réserve des Célestins since the quality was not high enough, so this will probably be bottled as Marie Beurrier or Henri Bonneau instead. Bright cranberry and strawberry fruit with some underlying fresh mushroom aromas. Full-bodied, with a wonderfully soft texture despite a good heft of ripe tannin. It's an old-school, almost rustic style but vivid and intense. Long meaty, herbal finish. 2020 to 2040.

96

Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Approximately 56% Grenache, 28% Mourvèdre, 11% Syrah, 5% others, 14.8%, UNC, £480.00 40% more Mourvèdre than a typical year, and 10% more Syrah to make up for the lack of Grenache. Tasting from a number of different foudres pre-assemblage promises a very good wine, though perhaps lacking the compelling brilliance of the 2012, in a more finely drawn, subtle style. Primarily red fruits on the nose; Victoria plum, raspberry and kirsch with a lovely soft texture and juicy acids. Fresh, balanced and elegant. 2015 to 2026.

96

Château Rayas Châteauneuf-du-Pape

100% Grenache, OWL, £2,337.00 AWSP

A relatively subtle and perfumed nose of red berry fruits with a hint of warm spices. Full and silky in the mouth, with subtle but very refined tannins. Fresh, bright and satisfying with a persistent mineral finish. A particularly refined, balanced, almost Burgundian Rayas in 2013. 2015 to 2033.

95

Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Principally Mourvèdre, Grenache, Syrah and Counoise but all 13 varieties are used 14.5%, H2V, £420.00

Gorgeous nose, fresh and stewed Victoria plums, blueberries and violets. Full-bodied, very fresh and lively, dynamic and mineral. Juicy Mourvèdre fruit very much in evidence. Thick with ripe tannin. Mildly atypical for sure, very much on the dark fruit, but this will keep thanks to its intense concentration and depth. It's tannic for now - this needs and will repay medium to long-term ageing. Pretty captivating. 2018 to 2033.

94

Domaine de la Charbonnière Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mourre des Perdrix

65% Grenache, 18% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 2% others, 15.5%, BBR, £276

From the lieu dit Mourre des Perdrix. Complex nose brimming with fruit: strawberry, raspberry, loganberry, blackberry, plum. All this alongside some well-integrated hints of smoke and incense. Intense and full-bodied, but no heaviness. Exceptionally well-balanced and harmonious already. Sits between modern and traditional style. Seriously good, a joyful wine. Domaine de la Charbonnière has really excelled in 2013. 2017 to 2027.

94

Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 15.5%, ENO, £768.00 AWSP

Distinctly spicy and peppery compared to the Chaupin. Lilies and raspberries too. Sweet fruit on the attack, but then good acidity and weight of tannin comes in to give the wine depth and length. Good definition and detail, vibrant and lively, with a long finish. Really dynamic and refreshing, a joy to drink. 2017 to 2028.

94

Domaine Roger Sabon Châteauneuf-du-Pape Prestige

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 5% Counoise/Vaccarèse, 15.0%, NYW, £312.00 AWSP

Liquorice, sloe and bay leaf. Intense fruit and freshness on the palate. Good weight of tannin and fine acidity - lovely balance and smooth, refined mouthfeel. An extraordinarily pure and very natural expression, it sings. 2015 to 2025.

94

Le Clos du Caillou Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve

75% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 14.5%, H2V, £695.00

Mourvèdre to the fore with lovely aromatics of blueberries, lilies and a touch of fresh earth. Full-bodied and rich with wonderful intensity but no heaviness. Good acidity too. Very pure, modern, unadorned expression of fruit and terroir. Exceptionally fine tannin and very long. Delightful. 2015 to 2030.

93

Château de Vaudieu Châteauneuf-du-Pape Val de Dieu

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, FRW, £516.00, AWSP

Beautifully lifted aromatics of predominantly red fruits and a spicy Syrah edge. Full, flowing, and weighty. Ample tannin comes in at the end to hold up the fruit, and balanced acidity runs through it giving it length. Oak is knit through the whole, but not to its detriment - it works well here. Very fresh, with good purity. Polished, confident and characterful. 2016 to 2027.

93

Domaine Raymond Usseglio et Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Impériale

95% Grenache, 5% others, 15.4%, BBR, £612.00 AWSP

Brooding, deep, black fruits - blackberries and black currant and damson. All shot through with high-toned floral and herbal overtones of rosemary and camphor. Full-bodied, but fresh and lively with lovely brisk acids. Real lift and aromatic brightness and freshness despite the high alcohol. Very well-crafted. Just 4,000 bottle produced. 2018 to 2028.

93

Domaine de la Charbonnière Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes

90% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 15.5%, BBR, £300.00

Plenty of strawberry Grenache fruit to enjoy with a background of herbs de Provence. Rich and juicy, with enough tannin here for the medium term but drinking well already. Splash of Mourvèdre really adds to it, giving it darkness, depth and length of fruit on the palate. The 2013s from Charbonnière are made with a lightness of touch, effortless harmony and balance. 2016 to 2027.

93

Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf-du-Pape

85% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 5% Vaccarèse, 14.0%, C&B, £360.00 AWSP

From the Cabrières lieu-dit. This is a highly recommended Châteauneuf for those who like a fresh, vivid style, but one with impact. It displays a lively, spicy, autumnal nose. Enough weight of fruit and ripe tannin, all ripe but not overly so, shot through with freshening acidity. Perfect ripeness of fruit and good length. 2015 to 2022.

93

M. Chapoutier Châteauneuf-du-Pape Barbe Rac

100% Grenache, 14.5%, J&B, £400.00

Dark, brooding and spicy with a very full, voluptuous texture, lots of body and glycerol. Floral and black cherry top notes on the nose. Fruity, but with depth. Tannins are fine and sufficient to see it through to the medium term. As usual, Chapoutier's Barbe Rac cuvée has more richness and generosity than their Croix de Bois - and that's what's needed in this vintage. 2017 to 2026.

93

Clos du Caillou Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Quartz

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 14.5%, H2V, £412.00

No 'Les Safres' made this year due to reduced quantities. Pure raspberry and strawberry fruit, outlined with clove, dark chocolate and rosemary. Full-bodied and silky in texture with sweet fruits balanced out with firm acidity. Noticeable use of oak here, but in balance. Violets and red berries on the finish. Lacks a bit of thrust on the finish perhaps but nonetheless very good. Very much in that pure, clean, modern house style. 2016 to 2025.

92

Domaine Santa Duc Châteauneuf-du-Pape Habemus Papam

Around 95% Grenache, 5% Mourvèdre, BAN, £408.00 AWSP

Subtle, detailed, spice and red fruit nose. Some bramble and wood smoke can also be coaxed out. Rich, smooth and balanced with good concentration and tannic structure, all ripe. This is impressive - mighty yet elegant. 2017 to 2025.

92

Domaine de la Mordorée Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Reine des Bois

Around 80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah, 2.5% Cunoise, 2.5% Vaccarèse 15.0%, FRW, £468.00 AWSP

From the lieu-dit La Crau. Opaque aubergine in colour. Deep intensity of crème de mure on the nose, concentrated dark fruits. I dread to think of how little the yields must have been. Full-bodied, wonderful rounded, silky texture. The wine is rich and potent but ends dry and neat. Luxurious for the vintage. 2017 to 2023.

92

Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chaupin

100% Grenache, 15.5%, ENO, £600.00 AWSP

From the lieu-dit Chapouin. Expressive and pure strawberries and damsons with a touch of blackcurrant. Lifted and pure, with some peppercorn spice too, despite being 100% Grenache. Full-bodied, but bright acidity keeps it fresh. Good mass and weight of ripe tannin. Dry, savoury finish. 2016 to 2025.

92

Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau de ma Mère

60% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, 14.5%, H2V, £225.00

Clear and fresh Victoria plum and strawberry aromas. Full-bodied and flowing but very lively though with good energy and tension. Ripe tannins tighten it up on the finish. Lovely balance, not shy with the acids. Delightfully vivid and enjoyable, with fresh crushed raspberries on the finish. Admirable length. 2016 to 2023.

92

Domaine Roger Sabon Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, NYW, £240.00 AWSP

Unadulterated, pure, lively juice. Sloe and liquorice on the nose, with clear, defined berry fruit on the palate; loganberry and bramble. Middle weight, but vivid and vivacious with a lattice of crunchy tannin. Very bright, sappy and full of energy. 2015 to 2022.



Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 6% Cinsault, 4% others, 14.5% BWS, £240.00 AWSP

Coffee bean, dark chocolate, plum and damson on the nose. Very smooth in texture, lots of bulk, quite savoury fruit. Very harmonious and stylish, with fairly muscular tannin and bright acidity. Impressive concentration for 2013. 2017 to 2021.



Domaine Grand Veneur Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Origines

50% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 30% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, H2V £270.00

The Mourvèdre and Syrah really make their presence felt in this deep, dark pool of a wine. A savoury nose, featuring cola and rosemary alongside fruits of the forest. Dense on the palate, with lots of body and ripe tannin - fuller in body than the nose would suggest. Everything in good balance. There is a certain sweetness to the fruit. It certainly makes an impression. 2017 to 2026.



Domaine de Marcoux Châteauneuf-du-Pape

80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah/Cinsault, 14.5%, H2V, £300.00

The 2013 Marcoux has a very natural, unforced expression of fruit; sweet, silky Grenache with a little dusting of cocoa. Very fresh, lifted aromatics. Fine grained tannins and good balanced acidity and alcohol levels. 2015 to 2020.



Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau

65% Grenache, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, UNC, £330.00

Attractive strawberry, plum and floral aromatics with notes of herbs and cocoa. Lovely mouthfeel thanks to the fine-grained tannins and well balanced; but this is relatively subtle for Vieux Télégraphe, almost a Burgundian version. It will be good in time, but needs to put on weight for now. 2017 to 2025.



Château La Nerthe Châteauneuf-du-Pape

43% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 22% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, 14.0%, WON, £336.00 AWSP

Deep, dark aromatics of blackberry and liquorice alongside some fresh, floral hints. Good weight and texture. Intense and smoky, plenty of intensity acidity and smooth tannins. Little hint of fresh earth in the background. Complex and intriguing already, very promising. 2017 to 2026.



Château Sixtine Châteauneuf-du-Pape

40% Grenache, 35% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah, 15.5%, FRW, £336.00 AWSP

Very full, very smooth, good concentration of rich, black, autumnal fruits overlaid with some musky, animal scents. Good structure and (quite pronounced) acidity. Intense, long, balanced, impressive. Saline finish. Seriously intense, has transcended the vintage. 2017 to 2025.



Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 15.5%, ENO, £336.00 AWSP

The Mourvèdre makes itself known on the nose with scents of violets and earth. Full-bodied, deliciously juicy, fresh damson fruit. All harmonious, with lovely balance, fairly long with a mineral finish. It has the characteristic freshness and fruitiness of the vintage, but with enough concentration and body. Very good indeed. 2016 to 2021.

92

**Domaine du Bosquet des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Chante le Merle Vieilles Vignes**

90% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 14.8%, H2V, £384.00 AWSP

Solid performance in 2013, very much in the house style. Lovely lush palate with a beam of acidity running through it, all very easy to love. Tannins are discrete but ripe, and it has a harmonious balance varieties in the blend. Whisper of white pepper on the finish, medium length. 2016 to 2027.

92

**Domaine Saint Préfert Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Réserve Auguste Favier**

Majority Grenache with Cinsault, Syrah and Mourvèdre, 15.5%, UNC, £384.00 AWSP

Bright, clean, clear fragrance with an attractive peppery spice. Very full-bodied with a satisfying surge of ripe tannin and fresh acidity. Long, very savoury finish. The alcohol is on the high side, but nonetheless this has the balance to be a long-lived, complex and interesting wine. 2017 to 2027.

92

Domaine Pierre Usseglio et Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape

65% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 6% Mourvèdre, 4% Cinsault, 15.0%, L&W, £252.00 AWSP

No prestige cuvée in 2013, so all the grapes went into this blend. It has an enticing nose; dark-fruited, earthy, harmonious. Full-bodied, but still fresh and lively. Good acidity and plenty of richness, concentration and minerality on the finish. Long, complete and balanced. 2017 to 2025.

91

Domaine Font de Michelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% others, 15.0%, GDH, £195.00

Wonderfully expressive red and black fruits, lifted and detailed already. Fresh and juicy with good acidity and enough structure too. 2016 to 2021.

91

Château Fortia Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée du Baron

35% Grenache, 55% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 14.5%, SLW, £276.00 AWSP

Brooding dark fruits, plum skins, savoury and smoky. Syrah is clearly dominant in this blend, a very smoky and spicy Châteauneuf, but backed up by some lush Grenache strawberry fruit. Full-bodied, lush texture, good weight, tannins are nicely woven into the whole. Good length, purity and freshness and no lack of power and guts. 2016 to 2023.

91

Château Jas de Bressy Châteauneuf-du-Pape

90% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 14.0%, SPW, £276.00, AWSP

Kirsch, black cherry, herbal, brooding. Quite an idiosyncratic style, earthy and savoury. The Mourvèdre is surprisingly noticeable considering it makes up just 5% of the blend. Full-bodied, with good intensity, dry, dark and brooding. Some spice on the finish. Very much displays the mark of its vintage. Just 5,000 bottles produced. 2016 to 2022.

91

Château Mont Thabor Châteauneuf-du-Pape

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 2.5% Mourvèdre, 2.5% Cinsault, 15.2%, EMW, £276.00 AWSP

Small, family-owned estate cultivating 4 hectares of Châteauneuf, no destemming. Exotic and exuberant nose, rich and sweetly fruited. Interesting. Floral, some evident oak but overall the wine is balanced if fairly flamboyant in style, finishing with a kick of cinnamon spice. 10,000 bottles produced. 2017 to 2020.



Domaine la Barroche Châteauneuf-du-Pape Signature

Around 55% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 13% Syrah, 5% Cinsault, 1% Vaccarèse, 1% others 15.0%, J&B, £300.00 AWSP

Appealing and stylish nose, very pure, expressive Grenache fruit. Sweet and juicy strawberries on the nose and a touch of cassis. More savoury on the palate, with very fine and integrated tannic structure. This is a stylish and elegant wine, very well made. Balanced and fairly long. 2015 to 2020.



Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Domaine du Père Pape

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Cinsault, 14.5%, H2V, £188.00

Red and black berry fruits on the nose with a whiff of black pepper. Full-bodied, very rounded and ripe with some sweetness to the fruit. Enough tannin running through it to give it weight, and balanced acidity. This has more concentration than many, and plenty of guts. Well made. 2017 to 2022.



Domaine de Fontavin Châteauneuf-du-Pape David et Goliath

95% Grenache, 5% others, IWC, £225.00 AWSP

Only made in top years. Good depth of ripe Grenache fruit on the nose with some underlying spices and a touch of smoke, all very appealing. Medium to full, and tannins are plentiful if subtle and fine-grained. Very much about the fruit, but it's beautifully depicted. Just 2,000 bottles made. 2017 to 2023.



Domaine Raymond Usseglio et Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape

80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah/Cinsault/Counoise, 14.8%, BBR, £228.00 AWSP

Deeply coloured. Mocha, plum, prune and scrubland herbs. Full-bodied, rich, dark fruits with clove and spice in the background. Lots of detail here. Rounded, tons of concentrated flavour, structured but fresh. A success in 2013. 2016 to 2024.



La Bastide Saint Dominique Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, 15.0%, BIB, £228.00 AWSP

Lovely lifted nose of violets, strawberry, raspberry and damson. Touch of the herbal too - anise. Rounded, medium-bodied, good freshness and expressive red fruits. Good energy and lift. 2015 to 2021.



Château Beauchene Châteauneuf-du-Pape Grande Réserve

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 13.5%, C&B, £240.00 AWSP

Perfumed red fruits on the nose along with leaf tea and rose. Medium-bodied, not too big and in no way heavy. Sweet fruit on the palate, all nicely balanced. Surprisingly light and elegant for a special cuvee. Pretty aromatics, integrated fine-grained tannins, and touch of liquorice. There is some burgeoning complexity here, despite the relatively middle-weight style. Very drinkable. 2015 to 2021.



Domaine du Bosquet des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Grenache, 17% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 1% Cinsault, 2% Vaccarèse/Counoise 14.6%, H2V, £252.00 AWSP

Warm spices, liquorice and ripe brambly fruits on the nose. Full-bodied with good concentration and nicely balanced acidity. Very easy to like, harmonious and well put together. Good length. 2015 to 2019.



Mas de Boislauzon Châteauneuf-du-Pape

50% Grenache, 50% Mourvèdre, NYW, £252.00 AWSP

Blackberry, with some dried herbs and clove on the nose, brimming with classic Mourvèdre fruit. Medium-bodied, fresh, with good energy on the mid palate. Lots of acidity and just enough grip and tannin. Lots of verve. Very fresh and lively, drinkable stuff. 2017 to 2025.

91

Domaine de la Charbonnière Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, P&S, £228.00 AWSP

Attractive nose; fruity, fresh, appealing red and black fruit aromatics. Lovely texture and mouthfeel with good concentration of fruit. Alcohol perhaps just a little high but overall the wine doesn't feel out of balance and the impression of is of freshness on the palate and good length of fruit. Very good. 2017 to 2026.

91

Domaine La Roquette Châteauneuf-du-Pape Piedlong

90% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, BBR, £272.00 AWSP

Grenache from the Piedlong lieu-dit, 50 years old on average. Polished and detailed nose showing light, lifted aromatics of flowers and spice and a dusting of cocoa. Relatively light in body, very pure with good acidity. A lovely, Pinot-like Châteauneuf, well-made and detailed if not terribly intense or concentrated style - very much a light, delicate style. 2015 to 2020.

90

Domaine du Pegau Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Reservée

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 5% others, L&W, £492.00 AWSP

Exotic, spicy nose of roses and cinnamon. Medium-bodied, but with good substance. Distinctly spicy style, but enjoyable and not thin like some others in this vintage. 2015 to 2019.

90

Domaine Porte Rouge Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Around 85% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 14.5%, JAS, £204.00 AWSP

Beautiful nose, pure violets and blueberries, damsons and sloes. Medium-bodied, gorgeous texture, very fresh. Good acidity, all very harmonious and well put together. Juicy fruits on the finish. 2015 to 2020.

90

Domaine de Saint Siffrein Châteauneuf-du-Pape

60% Grenache, 17% Syrah, 18% Mourvèdre, 5% Cinsault, 14.0%, TAW, £300.00 AWSP

Bright and lifted, defined aromatics of rosemary, pepper and violets. Medium-bodied, balanced, and just 14% ABV. Though perhaps lacking the power and concentration some look for in a Châteauneuf. Refreshing, and a lighter style; it has elegance instead of oomph. Enough tannin here to see it through though. 2015 to 2020.

90

Château Fortia Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve

80% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre, SLW, £324.00 AWSP

Dark and spicy aromatics from the Syrah, with Mourvèdre giving it lift. Fine tannins, good length. A very dark and spicy Châteauneuf but very good, clearly benefitting from the quality of the Mourvèdre and Syrah in the Southern Rhône in 2013. Atypical, sure, but still Châteauneuf; rich, full-bodied, rounded and smooth. 2018 to 2026.

90

Domaine Juliette Avril Châteauneuf-du-Pape Maxence

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, 14.5%, W2L, £360.00 AWSP

Medium-bodied, smooth and supple with a good mass of black fruit and tannin. Ends grippy, with a slightly woody hint. This is long, well balanced, and starting to hint at some underlying complexity. Not overdone, but a quietly confident, well made wine. 2016 to 2026.

89

Domaine Chante Cigale Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

65% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Carignan, NYW, £228.00 AWSP

Very fruity nose featuring blueberry, strawberry, black cherry and some herbal undertones. Smooth and rounded, plenty of fruit and some good fine tannins. Elegant. 2015 to 2020.

89

Domaine Grand Veneur Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, BAN, £240.00 AWSP

Dense plum and prune fruit with a touch of cola and dried herbs. Full-bodied, good acidity, well balanced. Quite flamboyant and surprisingly ripe for the vintage. But has perfume and freshness despite the dark, exotic aromatics. 2016 to 2022.

Top 35 Other Côtes-du-Rhône Reds

95

Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Le Poste

100% Grenache, 14.0%, UNC, £480.00 AWSP

Soaring nose of violets, freshly dug earth and squished blackberries. Very full-bodied, hugely concentrated, with wonderful fruity acids. Brilliant balance, freshness, aromatics and elegance. Very dry and savoury finish, with tons of fruit. And all this with sensible alcohol levels. Hugely impressive, too powerful to handle right now, but will be a knockout in a few years' time. 2018 to 2028.

95

Domaine Gourt de Mautens Rasteau (bottled under IGP Vacluse)

Majority Grenache, with Mourvèdre, Counoise, Vaccarèse, Terret Noir, Cinsault and Syrah, ARM, £384.00 AWSP

Just 9 hl/ha in 2013. Fine, fresh and detailed aromatics of garrigue herbs and an enlivening peppery note. Plenty of sweet fruit on the palate, with a really dynamic and lively feel. Very fine, with good length, and plenty of integrated ripe tannin. The reds, whites and rosés of Jérôme Bressy are amongst the most exciting currently being produced in the Côtes-du-Rhône. 2018 to 2027.

94

Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas Hominis Fides

100% Grenache, 14.0%, FRW, £648.00 AWSP

Very full, thick with fresh, ripe, vibrant fruits - blackberry, black cherry, raspberry, some blackcurrant even. Very long, perfectly balanced. A dab of new oak spice adds interest and complexity; it's used successfully here. Extremely long. A particularly refined and elegant Gigondas. 2016 to 2023.

93

Montirius Vacqueyras Le Clos

50% Grenache, 50% Syrah, 14.0%, OWL, £192.00 AWSP

Syrah strongly in evidence, plenty of musky spice. Dried herbs on the palate, and a dry, savoury finish. Lots of energy here, a very good Vacqueyras for the vintage. Good length, balance and concentration. Very enjoyable. 2016 to 2022.

93

Domaine La Soumade Rasteau Prestige

60% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 14.5%, THT, £180.00 AWSP

High-toned, perfumed fruits all knitted through with subtle spice. Lovely fine texture, just medium-bodied, but plenty of flavour. All ripe, not a big year by any means but this is a particularly successful Rasteau for the vintage. Fine, balanced, ripe and fresh. 2015 to 2020.

92

Domaine du Grapillon d'Or Gigondas Excellence

60% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 14.5%, VNT, £276.00 AWSP

Old vines, some Grenache up to 60 years old, no oak. Deep, rich, and spicy blackberry and raspberry fruits. Lovely juice, really fresh, pure and balanced. Very fine. Bombastic, but very well made. 2016 to 2022.

92

Le Sang de Cailloux Vacqueyras Lopy

75% Grenache, 25% Syrah, GON, £264.00 AWSP

Old vines and no new oak. Medium to full-bodied, this is a bright, fresh and focussed Vacqueyras with a relatively straight profile and bright, crunchy tannins. Very long finish. 2015 to 2022.

92

Domaine Brusset Gigondas Les Hauts de Montmirail

70% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Cinsault, 14.0%, NYW, £300.00 AWSP

Hand harvested, destalked, no added yeasts. Needs time to open up, but strawberry, blackberry and floral aromas are all wound up tightly inside. Good length of generous, rich fruit on the palate and plenty of soft tannin to hold it all together. Very good. 2016 to 2020.

92

Domaine des Bosquets Gigondas Le Lieu Dit

95% Grenache, 5% others, 15.0%, LIB, £312.00 AWSP

The lieu dit 'des Bosquets' has been planted with vines since 1376. Old vines grown on sand. Red and black cherries, very kirsch in aromatics - the distinctive perfume of Grenache grown on sand. Very full and flowing, with balanced acidity. Straight and long. Soft in texture, with very fine grained tannins. A good pick for Grenache lovers, this has great purity. 2015 to 2018.

92

Domaine La Ligière Vacqueyras

70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre, 14.0%, H2V, £99.00

Beautiful freshness and purity of fruit here. Tingling acidity, tension and minerality. Long finish. Some pepper and herbs. Rounded and generous but with a lightness of touch. Very nicely judged and put together. Lovely balance, and long too. 2015 to 2020.

92

Domaine les Hautes Cances Cairanne Vieilles Vignes

65% Grenache, 17.5% Syrah, 17.5% Mourvèdre, 14.0%, OWL, £156.00 AWSP

Grenache component is over 100 years old. Pure black cherry, crème de mure and garrigue herbs. Very classic Cairanne nose but with lift, definition and freshness. Full-bodied, very rich and plush. This really is good, not over the top or too boozy. Energy and power worn lightly and with ease. 2015 to 2022.

92

Domaine de la Mordorée Lirac La Reine des Bois

34% Grenache, 33% Syrah, 33% Mourvèdre, 14.5%, BBR, £192.00 AWSP

Lovely nose - chocolate, cherry, plum. Ripe, rich, velour textured. Very fresh and long in fruit. Pure fruits, thick with them, and so lifted and lively at the same time, full of energy. The only thing that detracts is some noticeable alcohol, but it would take more than that to spoil what is otherwise an excellent wine. Sappy, zingy and enjoyable. 2016 to 2023.

92

Domaine du Grapillon d'Or Gigondas

1806 Aged in old oak barrels

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 14.5%, CTW, £192.00 AWSP

Family owned since 1806. Fragrant, high-toned violets and spice. Very pure and fresh. Lovely fine texture and sweet, concentrated fruits of the forest coulis. Very fine tannins, ripe, and enough to hold it all together. Very enjoyable and well made, good balance, lighter, Burgundian style. 2015 to 2018.

92

Domaine la Bouïssière Gigondas

60% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 15.2%, GON, £192.00 AWSP

Deep, tightly wound nose of strawberries, spice and flowers. Very full and flowing texture with ample soft tannins. Very good, purely fruited, with high toned aromatics and well balanced, though you wouldn't want the alcohol to be any higher. 2015 to 2019.

92

Montirius Gigondas Confidentiel

80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 15.0%, OWL, £240.00 AWSP

Certified biodynamic since 1999. A more subtle, Burgundian style this year with lovely authentic plum and blackberry fruits on the nose. Full but not massive with a good concentration of superfresh black fruits and some strawberry underneath. Some sage and scrubby herbs in the background. 2015 to 2020.

92

Domaine de Beaurenard Rasteau Les Argiles Bleues

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 15.0%, BWS, £192.00 AWSP

Black cherry and cocoa aromatics. Very full and smooth, lovely suave texture. Good ripe fruits, plenty of ripe tannin and cocoa on the finish. This is a very good effort for what was clearly a difficult vintage in Rasteau. All very nicely balanced, plenty of concentrated flavour, acidity and all harmoniously knit together. 2015 to 2019.

91

Domaine Alary Cairanne Estevenas

Grenache, Syrah, 13.5%, H2V, £98.00

Very attractive nose. Lush, smooth texture and bright, pure fruits - strawberry, bramble, damson. There's lots packed away here, all very fresh. Perfect balance. A cut above. 2015 to 2018.

91

Roucas Toumba Vacqueyras La Grande Terre

60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre, 14.0%, VT, £180.00 AWSP

Black olive and lush dark fruits. Concentrated and juicy with lots of energy and lift. Medium-bodied, with a slightly smoky, herbal finish. 2015 to 2021.

91

Domaine Raspail-Ay Gigondas

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, 14.0%, THT, £204.00 AWSP

Strawberries and warm spices on the nose. Full, fruity and flowing juicy fruit. Good acidity, fairly low in tannin. A little lighter in style than usual, but fresh and balanced. 2015 to 2019.

91

Château de Saint Cosme Gigondas

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsaut, 14.0%, UNC, £228.00 AWSP

Very silky, smooth fruits leading to a savoury finish; satisfying, quite long. Pleasing spice on the finish. Full but not massive, well balanced and approachable now. This has good fruity acidity and considerable finesse. 2015 to 2018.



Domaine de Beaurenard Rasteau

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 15.0%, BWS, £122.00 AWSP

Full and rounded with thick, textured fruit. A generous dollop of lush plums, blackberries and blackcurrants. Plush and polished, this is an accomplished Rasteau in 2013. 2015 to 2018.



Domaine des Carabiniers Lirac Lunar Apogé

50% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah, 13.5%, TFC, £180.00 AWSP

Certified biodynamic. An interesting nose - very herbal, thyme and rosemary, with pine needles, clove spice and violets. Light to medium-bodied, good freshness and acidity. Lots to enjoy here, bags of fresh, savoury fruit with no reliance on alcohol or sweetness. Authentic and natural in flavour, very digestible, drinkable and elegant. 2015 to 2018.



Les Vignerons de Roquemaure Lirac Tradition

95% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 14.5%, SWI, £84.00 AWSP

Concentrated, vibrant fruits on the palate - really fresh and intense. Well balanced and zingy. Very good quality of fruit, nicely balanced and interwoven with ripe tannin - all very harmonious. Not the most complex perhaps, but likely to be good value. 2015 to 2020.



Domaine des Amadiou Cairanne Vieilles Vignes

40% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 25% Mourvèdre, 10% Carignan, SVS, £132.00 AWSP

50 to 60 year old vines. Dark fruits, with a distinctly herbal tinge - thyme and rosemary. Medium-bodied but with an intense core of fruit and ripe tannin. Fresh and balanced on the finish. A fresh, middle-weight style of Cairanne with a drinkable, easy going feel and authentic natural flavours. 2015 to 2020.



Domaine Martinelle Beaumes de Venise

Grenache, Syrah, 14.5%, VNT, £144.00 AWSP

Dark aromatics: tea, rolling tobacco, blackcurrant, touch of menthol. Refreshing acidity, then a very savoury, porcini mushroom finish. Intense, but not thick. Tannins are ripe and plentiful. Very characterful. An estate to watch. 2015 to 2020.



Domaine Les Goubert Gigondas

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, Cinsault, Clairette, 14.0%, VNC, £156.00 AWSP

Good fruit on the nose, freshly squished blackberries, cranberries and blueberries. Full and flowing, but lots of energy. It has a pleasingly rustic side that suggests future complexity. Characterful. Just enough concentration of fruit. 2016 to 2018.



Le Clos du Caillou Côtes-du-Rhône Les Quartz

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 14.5%, H2V, £135.00

Really lovely, particularly herbal, nose. Ebullient fruit, really drinkable and enjoyable. Juicy black fruits, blueberries, and sage. 2015 to 2017.



Domaine Maby Lirac La Fermade

40% Syrah, 35% Mourvèdre, 25% Grenache, 14.5%, TWS, £74.90

Deeply coloured. Lively fruits and woody herbs. Very concentrated in flavour but only medium-bodied, with a touch of chocolate and herbs in the background. Fully ripe fruit and tannin. The alcohol feels on the high side, but the wine is very good nonetheless and at this price is a bargain. Very smooth mouthfeel, silky, good acidity to balance it, fruit quite sweet in character, touch of kirsch. 2015 to 2019.

89

Domaine Saint Amant Côtes-du-Rhône Les Clapas

50% Grenache, 50% Syrah, 13.5%, SWG, £96.00 AWSP

15 to 35 years old vines. Lovely Syrah-dominated violet and black pepper nose. Lovely freshness, very clean and pure red fruit aromatics. Very lively, crunchy tannins, full of energy. Not the most dense or dark, but it's elegant. For an everyday, lighter style of Rhône red, this is a good value option. 2015 to 2017.

89

Domaine de l'Espigouette Plan de Dieu

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah/Mourvèdre, 14.0%, GDH, £120.00 AWSP

Rich, round, with dark fruits and a spicy finish. Medium to full-bodied with good acidity and balance. Tannins just a tiny bit dry on the finish but overall this is good. Pleasing smoky bacon Syrah aromatics on the nose. 2015 to 2017.

89

Domaine Ferme Saint Martin Beaumes de Venise Costancia

50% Grenache, 50% Syrah, 14.5%, EXW, £144.00 AWSP

Certified organic estate at 250 - 500m altitude. Dark, lifted and spicy on the nose, alongside dark chocolate and herbs. Very smooth, packed full of intense juicy fruits - explosively fruity. Medium length. A wine you need to tackle head on, a real mouthful. Perhaps not the most elegant, but very enjoyable. 2016 to 2020.

89

Domaine Les Grands Bois Cairanne Cuvée Eloïse

50% Grenache, 35% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah, 14.5%, GON, £144.00 AWSP

Estate established in 1929, now certified organic. Blackberry and blackcurrant fruits, all very full and ripe, thick with sweet fruit. Very intense, really builds to a crescendo on the finish. Very intense, they just about manage to rein it all in. A wine that champions texture and power over fragrance and elegance in 2013, but it's nonetheless very good. 2016 to 2021.

89

Vignobles Alain Jaume & Fils Lirac Clos de Sixte

Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre, 15.0%, FRW, £144.00 AWSP

Very dark hue. Brambly fruits on the nose. Full-bodied, concentrated, good acids. Alcohol is high but balanced by the other intense elements of the wine. A very good Lirac, but needs some time to come together. 2016 to 2019.

89

Domaine des Muretins (Dauvergne-Ranvier) Lirac La Parcelle

Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre, 14.0%, WST, £?

A bit varnishy on the nose, but the strawberry and raspberry fruit shines through. Medium-bodied, elegant and fresh. Mineral finish. Nicely balanced. The oak is noticeable for now, but there is enough fruit and life here to swallow it in time. Bright and snappy red fruits with energy and life. 2016 to 2020.

88

Domaine Alary IGP Vaucluse L'Exclus

100% Counoise, 13.0%, H2V, £80.00

Aromatic cherry and raspberry fruit. Hint of pepper. Very lively and likeable juicy fruit on the palate. Medium length. Medium-bodied, fresh and drinkable. A very good 100% Counoise, and displays the potential for a grape we are likely to be seeing more and more of in the Southern Rhône. 2015 to 2017.

Top 35 Northern Rhône Whites

98

Domaine Jean Louis Chave Hermitage

Around 80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, YAP, £1,428.00 AWSP

A tasting of the component lieu-dits: Le Méal, l'Ermite, Les Rocoules, Maison Blanche and Péléal. The white grapes were hit badly by coulure in 2013, and yields were down to 18 hl/ha. The resulting quality however is excellent, with just-ripe fruit and plenty of freshness, vigour and tension in the wines. The overall impression is a very good if relatively lean, mineral style in 2013, but not overly skinny, just slim. Likely to be very long lived. 2020 to 2043.

98

M. Chapoutier Hermitage L'Ermite

100% Marsanne, J&B, £2,220.00

100-year-old vines on the top of the hill of Hermitage behind the chapel on granitic soils. Deep gold, with an assertive earthy nose. Very full-bodied, very concentrated, with a firm mineral finish which holds the palate down. Keen, straight, very long. Great purity and intensity, with extraordinary length – it seems to block out your other senses when you taste it. Serious stuff. 2016 to 2038.

98

Domaine André Perret Condrieu Chéry

100% Viognier, GDH, £320.00

More fruit than Perret's basic Condrieu, and an incredible perfume; Dior would be proud. Very full and round, totally luxurious in the mouth but coupled with incredible freshness, bright acidity and somehow all ends feather-light, like a peck on the cheek. Very long. An incredible wine. 2015 to 2025.

97

Domaine Mouton Condrieu Côte Châtillon

100% Viognier, 14.0%, BBR, £440.00 AWSP

Lime blossom aromatics. Sublime freshness. Very long. An incisive, detailed and delineated style of Condrieu, one with great verve and line. Lovely acidity. Straight like an arrow, but with ample flesh. Very long finish. 2015 to 2020.

97

Domaine Niero Condrieu Chéry

100% Viognier, 14.5%, BBR, £336.00 AWSP

Hauntingly pure peach and apricot fruit. Very full and soft, a cherubic style of wine. Plenty of mouthwatering salty acidity on the finish and a nip of oak. Very long, suave and compelling, very persuasive. Long and rolling. Jasmine and peach juice. Utterly lovely. 2015 to 2028.

97

Domaine François Villard Condrieu Les Terrasses du Palat

100% Viognier, 13.5%, H2V, £260.00

Very full, very lively. Amazing intensity and tension. Incredible, soaring Condrieu fruit but backed up with strict acidity and fresh minerality. Incredibly long. So big but so fresh. And so drinkable. Wonderful. François Villard has made a number of exceptional wines in 2013, and this is one of the best. 2015 to 2018.



Domaine Mouton Condrieu Côte Bonnette

100% Viognier, 14.0%, BBR, £252.00 AWSP

Golden hue. Lovely pure peach nose, typically Condrieu. Very full-bodied indeed, almost theatrical. Very concentrated fruit and a nip of spice on the finish. Jasmine aromatics, outrageous flamboyance, but it just about keeps everything balanced and refreshing. What it lacks in acid it makes up for in a sense of freshness. Long. 2015 to 2019.



M. Chapoutier Hermitage De l'Orée

100% Marsanne, J&B, £750.00

70-year-old vines from the lieu-dit Les Murets. Uniform gold colour, with plenty of apricot and peach on the nose. Very full-bodied, with a slow-moving opulence. Seems a little fat on the mid-palate, then its acidity, alcohol, and some classic Marsanne bitterness all come in on the finish to hold it up. Some marzipan on the long finish. 2016 to 2033.



Domaine Marc Sorrel Hermitage Les Rocoules

90% Marsanne, 10% Roussanne, BBR, £816.00 AWSP

60-year-old vines on the south-facing limestone terraces of the Rocoules lieu-dit yielding just 20 hl/ha in 2013. Very full and round, with a hint of gold already in the wine compared to Marc's classic white Hermitage. Almonds and peaches on the nose, with a very full-bodied, rounded mouthfeel and lots of fat. Good tension despite the low acidity. Really sings on the finish, with pleasing twist of fennel bitterness. 2015 to 2031.



Domaine François Villard Condrieu Grand Vallon

100% Viognier, 13.0%, H2V, £285.00

Dense, fruity and beautifully expressed peach and almond fruit. Very full-bodied with great concentration. Lots to chew on. Very long, very intense, but all in balance. Great core of fruit. 2016 to 2021.



Domaine Niero Condrieu Les Ravines

100% Viognier, 14.0%, BBR, £312.00 AWSP

Lovely nose, jasmine and orange blossom. Very full and weighty in the mouth, lush. But with lovely, perfectly balanced acidity and well-judged oak use. Good length. Not a hugely powerful wine, but an exceptionally elegant one. 2015 to 2018.



Cave Yves Cuilleron Condrieu Les Chaillets

100% Viognier, 13.5%, FRW, £392.00 AWSP

More density and fullness than La Petite Côte, brimming with intense fruit, superbly vibrant and expressive with a very long finish. Wonderful tension and balance and real density of stone fruit flavour. An excellent Condrieu. 2016 to 2020.



Domaine Bernard Grippa St Joseph Le Berceau

100% Marsanne, 13.5%, VNT, £370.00 AWSP

More depth than the classic cuvée. Full-bodied, very good concentration. Pure almond, peach and apricot fruits, beautifully delineated and detailed. Very natural impression. Really builds and then sustains its presence long after swallowing. Beautifully done. 2015 to 2020.



Domaine Bernard Grippa St Péray Les Figuiers

60% Roussanne, 40% Marsanne, 13.5%, VNT, £260.00 AWSP

Similar freshness to Les Pins, but with some citrus oils alongside the bergamot aromatics, very enlivening on the nose. Full-bodied, with balanced acidity and some slightly nutty hints on the long finish. This estate's white wines are amongst the best in the Rhone Valley. 2015 to 2019.

94

Domaine André Perret Condrieu

100% Viognier, J&B, £250.00

Lovely nose, extremely fresh, and centres around the jasmine and fresh almond side of Northern Rhône Viognier aromatics. Full-bodied but not heavy. Rich, rounded, almost sweet apricot and white peach. All pierced by fine acidity that runs through the finish. Medium to long finish, and alcohol in check. Delightful balance. 2015 to 2017.

94

Domaine Christophe Pichon Condrieu

100% Viognier, 14.0%, BBR, £288.00 AWSP

Almond, lime blossom, jasmine, and peach - a compellingly lovely nose. Very full, rounded and almost oily in texture. Enough acidity rises up on the finish to keep it fresh, but this is hugely concentrated and intense stuff. Oak influence is considerable, but it warrants it. Not the most elegant perhaps, but nonetheless wonderful. 2016 to 2019.

94

Domaine Bernard Faurie Hermitage

100% Marsanne, J&B, £456.00 AWSP

50-60 year old vines, no new oak. A very fine and floral style of white Hermitage, Faurie's 2013 shows spring flowers, lemon peel and fennel on the nose. Medium-bodied with firm acidity and a real sense of tension in the wine. Silky in body with a tight, bright and straight profile and a saline finish. Faurie's white Hermitage doesn't have the force and weight of some of his contemporaries, but it is undoubtedly one of the finest and most elegant. 2015 to 2028.

94

Domaine du Tunnel St Péray Pur Blanc

100% Marsanne, 13.5%, BBR, £238.00 AWSP

Lovely pure and floral aromatics with a hint of hazelnut. Very full-bodied and rich. Deep concentration, and enough minerality to give tension even if the acidity is perilously low. Lovely smooth texture, luxurious stuff here, touch of marmalade even. Flowing, intense and persistent, very long. Impressive stuff. Very modern styled, but very well executed. 2015 to 2021.

94

Cave Yves Cuilleron Condrieu La Petite Côte

100% Viognier, 13.0%, FRW, £290.00

Wonderful nose of fresh peaches, could be nothing but Condrieu. Very full and lush but with plenty of acidity and a keen mineral finish. This soars from the glass, is very well balanced, and long to boot. Bright and clean. Very good. 2015 to 2018.

94

M. Chapoutier Hermitage Chante-Alouette

100% Marsanne, 14.0%, MTZ, £432.00 AWSP

Lovely fruit, brimming with energy and freshness. Some mango, dried pear, an intense feel in the mouth and very long. Yet another excellent Chante-Alouette, a real banker from this producer - consistently good in recent years. 2015 to 2025.

94

Domaine Marc Sorrel Hermitage

100% Marsanne, BBR, £480.00 AWSP

Mostly from 30-year-old vines planted in lieu-dit Les Greffieux, some in Les Bessards. Lime blossom and lemon pith nose underscored with herbal bitters. Good energy and tension in the wine despite the lowish acidity, with a nutty, saline finish. 2015 to 2022.

94

Domaine du Colombier Hermitage

100% Marsanne, J&B, £420.00

Rich and expansive on the nose and palate. Good acidity, all ripe but not overly so, and very well balanced. Lacks some of the detail and character of the very best white Hermitage perhaps, but this is the real deal, and more than worthy of the name. Very satisfying, good length, and will age well. 2016 to 2028.

93

Delas Frères Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes

100% Marsanne, BWS, £408.00 AWSP

Full, round rich and steely impression on the palate. This has bags of minerality and acidity that, when teamed up with the bitter Marsanne twang on the finish, make for a very imposing and assertively textured wine. Intense, well balanced, with good length and freshness. 2015 to 2026.

93

Domaine Bernard Gripa St Péray Les Pins

80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, 13.5%, VNT, £192.00 AWSP

Lovely clear, fresh nose, like mountain air, but with some bergamot and orange blossom. Medium-bodied. Very fresh, lovely bright acidity and a dry, savoury, saline finish. Good length to finish it off. No huge concentration here, but huge drinkability. 2015 to 2018.

93

Cave Yves Cuilleron St Joseph Lombard

100% Marsanne, 13.0%, BBR, £180.00 AWSP

Fresh fruits here, vibrant peach and apricot. Very full-bodied and almost oily, but good acidity on the finish, with a touch of mineral. Retains freshness and balance all the way. This really builds to a crescendo on the finish. Very long, with alcohol in check. Vibrato finish. For the initiated - this is a big wine! 2015 to 2018.

93

Domaine du Tunnel St Péray Cuvée Prestige

80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, 13.5%, BBR, £192.00 AWSP

A touch of new oak really gives lift to the stone fruit aromas here. Very rich and full-bodied, with lovely intensity of flavour and tension despite the low acid. Good length too. Balanced, long, just fresh enough with plenty of ripe fruit. Very good. 2015 to 2018.

93

Domaine François Villard St Joseph Mairlant

55% Marsanne, 45% Roussanne, 13.5%, H2V, £204.00 AWSP

Lime blossom, very floral nose. Lovely silky, rich and oily texture, it gets away with it thanks to its intensely fresh, mineral finish. Bit of pear, touch of citrus. Acidity is on the low side, but not unbalanced. Very impressive for a Saint Joseph, it's quite Condrieu in character, as if finished in Condrieu barrels. Lovely. 2015 to 2017.

93

Domaine E. Guigal St Joseph Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph

95% Marsanne, 5% Roussanne, 13.5%, BBR, £324.00 AWSP

Very intense, very full and pure expression of white Saint Joseph. Very long and persistent, with good freshness despite the low acidity. Full-bodied. Juicy, firm, mineral finish. 2015 to 2018.

93

Domaine Pierre Gonon St Joseph Les Oliviers

80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, VNT, £450.00 AWSP

Yields of just 18 hl/ha in 2013. Fine, fresh, very floral nose. Good weight and intensity of flavour leading to a long, vibrant and mineral finish. Overall impression is one of a serious wine, but with a very natural and easy expression. 2015 to 2021.

92

Domaine Bernard Gripa St Joseph

80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, 13.5%, VNT, £288.00 AWSP

Fresh, light style, very easy and approachable. Lovely clear expression of yellow stone fruits and good length. No ambition or showy cellar work, just very good winemaking. You really get the impression that this is made by someone that wants to drink it themselves. 2015 to 2017.

92

Domaine Coursodon St Joseph Le Paradis Saint Pierre

90% Marsanne, 10% Roussanne, 13.5%, BBR, £276.00 AWSP

Apricot flesh, ever so slightly musky. Full and intense. Plenty of rich fruit here and about as much oak as it can handle. Good acidity however and plenty of freshness make for a rich, hedonistic St Joseph of considerable class. 2016 to 2018.

91

Domaine Pierre Gaillard St Péray

70% Marsanne, 30% Roussanne, 12.5%, H2V, £114.00

Very gentle, subtle, almost shy style compared to some other St Pérays this year. Medium-bodied, just ripe. Almond character on the nose and palate alongside some subtle apricot fruit. Highly drinkable. Very fine, real charm. 2015 to 2017.

91

**Domaine François Villard Vin de France
Les Contours de Poncins**

100% Viognier, 13.5%, H2V, £138.00

Blossom, fennel and white peach on the nose. Builds nicely on the palate, surprisingly long. Very well made, this is classic Northern Rhône Viognier. Quite full and plump, but lovely aromatics. Good value pick. 2015 to 2017.

91

Domaine Melody Crozes-Hermitage L'Exception

70% Marsanne, 30% Roussanne, 13.5%, FLI, £?

Some depth of lemon colour. Almond, peach, apricot. Fairly full-bodied, good concentration here. Lovely silky mouthfeel and good acidity. Touch of salinity and subtle oak on the finish. Good length too. Acid just a little low perhaps, but remains fresh nonetheless. 2015 to 2017.

91

Domaine Aléofane Crozes-Hermitage

Marsanne, Roussanne, 13.5%, OWL, £?

Appealing nose of pear, apricot and lime marmalade. Fuller in body than most, and lovely ripeness of fruit. Beautifully rounded. Good length of fruit and all balanced by a tangy acidity. Very successful. 2015 to 2017.

Top 25 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Whites

96

Château Rayas Châteauneuf-du-Pape

50% Grenache Blanc, 50% Clairette, OWL, £1,200.00 AWSP

Extremely fresh on the nose, grapefruit pith and lime skins. Long, powerful, intensely mineral, saline finish. Full-bodied but fresh and vivid. Superbly defined, razor-sharp aromatics and an equally incisive impression on the palate. Impressive stuff. 2016 to 2031.

95

Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape

All permitted white varieties, 13.6%, UNC, £360.00

Ethereal, perfumed, floral aromatics. Full but not heavy with more fruit on the palate, predominantly fresh apricot for now, with a squeeze of citrus fruits on the long mineral finish. Not giving much away for now, but beautifully textured and with real potential. 2016 to 2028.

95

Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape

80% Roussanne, 20% Grenache Blanc/Clairette/Bourboulenc/Picardan, 14.5%, H2V, £450.00

Gorgeous nose, a perfect balance between fruit, flowers and honeycomb oak. Full-bodied, with perilously low acidity, but has enough tension and salinity to retain a sense of balance and freshness. Very broad, with pear, pineapple and some fresh herbs. Long, mineral finish. 2017 to 2027.

95

Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape Boisrenard

Mostly Clairette et Roussanne coplanted with six other white varieties, 14.0%, HSC, £348.00 AWSP

Average vine age of 80 years from lieux-dits Cabrières and La Nerthe. Golden colouring. Rich, walnutty nose displaying complex hints of heather honey, peach and almond. Lifted, superfresh and lively. Incredible brightness and energy. Very full for sure, but so packed full of verve it holds it all together and makes you want to go back for more. Sweet peach, pear and vanilla flavour, but all strapped in. Very long. Lovely balance. This is a very big wine, and may be too flamboyant for some (thanks in part to 30% new oak fûts), but it's compelling to taste. 2,000 bottles made. 2015 to 2028.

94

Domaine Grand Veneur Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Fontaine

100% Roussanne, 14.0%, H2V, £278.00

Pear, melon, apricot and peach; fruity aromatics, all clear and fresh. Very silky, suave and full with enough acid running through it to hold it all together. A little honeycomb oak comes in on the finish but isn't obtrusive and gives the wine length and complexity. Clean and modern, but all very well judged and detailed. 2016 to 2024.

94

Domaine de la Janasse Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Around 40% Grenache, 40% Clairette, 20% Roussanne, FRW, £337.70

Generous oak spice greets you on the nose, with lemon juice, apricot and peach underneath. Full, silky, broad, lovely texture, a touch oily. Good acidity, and a long, mineral finish. All very well judged and crafted. Juicy fruit on the finish and a hint of macadamia from the barrels. Very well balanced, complex and long - delicious. 2015 to 2020.

94

**Domaine Font de Michelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Etienne Gonnet**

50% Roussanne, 50% Grenache Blanc, 13.5%, GDH, £360.00 AWSP

Heady lime blossom aroma. Touch of pineapple on the palate, quite exotic. Full-bodied, very lush and flowing, totally mouth-filling and intense, then waves of flavour, all underpinned by oak - but it's balanced. Creamy and saline. Intense, but very fresh, characterful and delicious. Seriously flamboyant. 2016 to 2025.

94

Domaine de Beurenard Châteauneuf-du-Pape

30% Clairette, 25% Bourboulenc, 25% Roussanne, 17% Grenache Blanc, 3% Picpoul/Picardan, 14.0%, HSC, £276.00 AWSP

No evident oak, Clairette-rich perfume to the fore, beautifully floral. Lovely full body, very bright, with piercing fresh acidity. Perfectly balanced, without too much fat or alcohol. Really sings on the finish, very long, and complex with it. Everything expressed loud and clear. 2015 to 2024.

93

Château La Nerthe Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos de Beauvenir

59% Roussanne, 33% Clairette, 6% Grenache Blanc, 2% Bourboulenc, 13.5%, WON, £696.00 AWSP

Very appealing nose, super fresh with almonds, apricots, and crème pâtissière. Full-bodied, lush and intense on the palate but balanced with just enough acidity. There's a distinct touch of new oak on the finish. So will need some time to fully integrate. Long finish. 2017 to 2027.

93

Domaine de la Charbonnière Châteauneuf-du-Pape

34% Grenache Blanc, 33% Roussanne, 33% Clairette, 14.0%, FRW, £193.00

Lovely nose of orange blossom, peach and apricot. Full, but lots of texture and interest on the palate, with taut minerality. Lots of flavour, power, interest and complexity. Long, toasty finish (25% of the wine is aged in new barriques, but the wine is not overly marked by wood). Not too full in body, too high in alcohol, not too sweet - just a very good wine. 2015 to 2020.

93

Domaine de Nalys Châteauneuf-du-Pape Eicelenci

Majority Roussanne and Clairette with Bourboulenc, Grenache Blanc, Picpoul and Picardan, 13.5%, YSM, £265.40 AWSP

Interesting nutty nose. Very rich and full, almost overly so on the mid palate, with some noticeable but not intrusive oak influence. The finish is neat, the wine is harmonious and has a long, nutty, fresh, saline finish. Long and balanced, very good if quite an unusual style. Just 2,000 bottles made. 2016 to 2023.

93

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau

40% Clairette, 30% Grenache Blanc, 15% Bourboulenc, 15% Roussanne, J&B, £375.00

Restrained vanilla, musky apricot and meringue. Good depth of fruit, despite being quite a lean, straight style. Fresh, balanced, very dry, mineral finish and integrated oak. 2016 to 2026.

93

Domaine Pierre Usseglio et Fils Châteauneuf-du-Pape

60% Clairette, 35% Grenache Blanc, 5% Bourbouenc, 13.5%, DAW, £326.00 AWSP

Majority Clairette in this vintage, normally majority Grenache Blanc. Soft and creamy nose, peach, very fresh. Full, rounded, lots of fruit. Lovely balancing acidity, long as well. Subtle herbs in the background. This is very good, well made, fresh and juicy. Very drinkable.

2015 to 2025.

93

La Bastide Saint Dominique Châteauneuf-du-Pape

34% Grenache, 33% Clairette, 33% Roussanne, VDV, £208.98

Light, perfumed aromas of orange blossom and honeysuckle. Some stone fruit and almond too. Full and silky in body, lots of peach flavour. Dry, balanced, concentrated flavour, lots of extract. Very long. This is impressive. 2015 to 2022.

92

Château Jas de Bressy Châteauneuf-du-Pape

50% Grenache Blanc, 50% Roussanne, 14.0%, SPW, £192.00 AWSP

Green gold in colour. Citrus fruits, peach, mirabelle plum and bergamot on the nose.

Roussanne really comes through, lots of pear flavour and pear flesh texture. A little sweet in fruit and very rich, with some vanilla and honey notes, all very concentrated with good length of flavour. Full-bodied, very unusual and characterful style of wine. 1,800 bottle made. 2015 to 2024.

92

Domaine de la Solitude Châteauneuf-du-Pape

55% Clairette, 30% Roussanne, 15% Grenache Blanc, 13.5%, SLW, £245.30

Some pineapple and sage alongside musky lemon fruit aromas. A touch of oak in the background, but well-judged. Full-bodied and rich with a mineral undertow on the finish. 2015 to 2019.

92

Domaine de Cristia Châteauneuf-du-Pape

40% Roussanne, 40% Clairette, 20% Bourboulenc, 13.5%, GHW, £265.00 AWSP

Fairly golden in colour with an interesting nose of pear, melon, honey, whipped cream and vanilla. Full-bodied, and broad, but has tension and fans out on the finish. Very drinkable. 2015 to 2022.

92

Clos La Roquette Châteauneuf-du-Pape

33% Clairette, 33% Roussanne, 34% Grenache Blanc, CPW, £276.00 AWSP

Bright and very fresh immediate impression. Medium-bodied, with a core of stone fruit, candied citrus peel and a touch of lemongrass. Oak is present, adding spice and complexity rather than overwhelming the wine. Just 9,000 bottles made in 2013. 2015 to 2020.

91

Domaine Font de Michelle Châteauneuf-du-Pape

30% Grenache Blanc, 30% Clairette, 30% Roussanne, 10% Bourboulenc, 13.5%, GDH, £288.00 AWSP

Fairly pale in colour. Lemon pith and apricot aromas, all very fresh. Full but not overly so, good acidity and notable florality. Well balanced, pure with a creamy texture. Not overblown or too boozy, but has weight. 2015 to 2017.

91

Domaine de Marcoux Châteauneuf-du-Pape

70% Roussanne, 30% Bourboulenc, 14.5%, H2V, £300.00

Clean, bright apricot. Plenty of texture and intensity, rich, very round. Good freshness. Lots of dried pear on the finish. Very lively, with a lovely mineral finish. Alcohol just a little noticeable, but this is a minor detraction from what is a very good wine. 2015 to 2022.

91

Château La Nerthe Châteauneuf-du-Pape

38% Roussanne, 31% Grenache, 16% Clairette, 15% Bourboulenc, 13.5%, WON, £315.60
Ripe apricot fruit surrounded in a veil of oak. Good acidity, slightly drying finish. Not the most elegant at this stage, but powerful, and no doubt long lived. Acidity is ample and balanced, with a chewy texture and mineral finish. 2015 to 2025.

91

Domaine du Père Caboché Châteauneuf-du-Pape

35% Clairette, 30% Grenache Blanc, 25% Bourboulenc, 10% Roussanne, 13.5%, YAP, £164.90
Lovely stone fruit aromatics. Full-bodied, very fruity expression, with lovely minerality, zingy acidity and fruit flavours right into the long finish. Low alcohol, very dry, no oak. Very well done. 2015 to 2019.

90

Domaines Paul Jaboulet Aîné Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Domaine de Terre Ferme

80% Grenache, 20% Clairette, 14.0%, BIB, £360.00 AWSP
Terre Ferme and Font Michelle lieux-dits. Roasted almond and sticky chicken jus. Full-bodied, rich, touch of oak. Bright, firm acidity. Almond and peach on the palate. Broad and powerful. Lots to enjoy here, multi-layered. 2015 to 2018.

90

Domaine L'Abbé Dîne Châteauneuf-du-Pape

98% Grenache Blanc, 2% Clairette/Roussanne/Bourboulenc, 14.0%, not yet in UK, £?
First year of production, just 600 bottles made; Philippe Cambie consults. Pure fresh apricots and white flowers. Full, luscious body and texture. Good acidity neatens it all up on the finish. Good length. Nothing in excess on the finish, all well balanced. One to watch. 2015 to 2018.

90

Château des Fines Roches Châteauneuf-du-Pape

50% Grenache, 20% Clairette, 20% Bourboulenc, 10% Roussanne, 13.5%, SPW, £228.00 AWSP
Distinctly pale in hue. Verging on underripe almond/apricot style. Full and rich mouthfeel, creamy, good fruit and fairly long. Refreshing, straight, mineral style. Bright and clean. 2015 to 2019.

Top 15 Other Côtes-du-Rhône Whites and Rosés

92

Roucas Toumba Vacqueyras Les Prémices

Marsanne, Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Gris, Viognier, Vermentino, 14.0%, J&B £100.00
Tiny copper tinge to the wine. Very energetic sensation, textural and mineral. Orange blossom on the nose. More about texture than aromatics however, all well balanced and very drinkable. More minimum intervention in style than most contemporaries. 2015 to 2017.

92

Domaine de la Mordorée Tavel La Reine des Bois

60% Grenache, 15% Clairette, 15% Syrah, 10% Cinsault, 15.0%, FRW, £125.00
From the Vallongue lieu-dit. Pear, strawberry and cherry. Very full, intense attack, lots of fruit and minerality, plenty of acidity, all very long and vibrant. Just about covers its alcohol tracks. Very intense, surging, mineral finish. Very good indeed. 2015 to 2019.

92

Domaine des Amadiou Cairanne Le Haut de Beauregard

Clairette, Roussanne, Marsanne, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, 14.0%, SVS, £144.00 AWSP
Part matured in used barriques bought in Condrieu. Gorgeous nose, really fresh and dynamically aromatic, brimming with lime blossom, orange blossom and lemon. Medium-bodied, beautifully balanced with a mineral finish. The white wines of Cairanne are worth seeking out, and this is an excellent example. 2015 to 2018.

92

Domaine des Carabiniers Tavel Lunar Apogé

50% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 15% Clairette, 15% Syrah, 13.0%, TFC, £162.00 AWSP
Certified biodynamic. Lifted cranberry, raspberry and cassis fruit. Medium-bodied with lots of texture and a touch of tannin. Good mineral chewy undertow on the finish. Guts, subtle power, freshness and fruit. Good balancing acidity and low alcohol. Dry and authentically fruited. A wine with real verve. 2015 to 2017.

91

Domaine les Hautes Cances Cairanne Tradition

37% Clairette, 26% Viognier, 21% Grenache Blanc, 16% Bourboulenc, 13.5%, OWL, £192.00 AWSP
Aromas of freshly whipped cream, perfume and stone fruits. Full, rounded and silky, lots of body, and just enough acidity and minerality to balance it. Peachy, well balanced and all-round delicious. 2015 to 2016.

91

Le Clos des Cazaux Vacqueyras Cuvée des Clefs d'Or

50% Clairette, 20% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, J&B, £100.00
Pretty fruit with some concentration of stone fruit aromatics and a hint of spice. Viscous peach fruit. Lovely weight, good acidity, plenty of intensity and impact here. Long with it. 2015 to 2017.



Château d'Aqueria Tavel

52% Grenache, 9% Clairette, 12% Syrah, 6% Bourboulenc, 11% Mourvèdre, 8% Cinsault, 2% Piquepoul, 14.0%, CHK, £109.66

Always the most outrageously deeply coloured rosé, 2013 was clearly a good year for d'Aqueria, and they have made an excellent wine. Raspberry, redcurrant, blackcurrant, almost smells like a red wine. Very firm and intense in flavour, long in red fruit, very dry and mineral. Just enough acidity to hold it all together. Wonderful purity of fruit. 2015 to 2018.



Domaine André Berthet-Rayne Cairanne Castel Mireio

Roussanne, Marsanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc, Viognier, Bourboulenc, 14.0%, CST, £120.00 AWSP

Very full with pear, apricot and peach fruits. Some florality too and impressive length of flavour. Hint of nutty oak, but only to give detail and complexity - very well judged. Long, macadamia and peach finish, quite savoury and agreeably dry. 2015 to 2017.



Famille Brechet Lirac Le Plateau des Chênes

25% Grenache Blanc, 25% Roussanne, 25% Clairette, 25% Viognier, 15.0%, LIB, £144.00 AWSP

5th generation winemaking family. Full, rich, silky. Dry and mineral. Lots of texture and extract, pear and peach fruit. This is pretty serious stuff - not overly fruity but with real depth of texture and minerality. Very long. Acidity is on the low side, but this is nonetheless impressive. 2015 to 2017.



Domaine des Bernardins Muscat de Beaumes de Venise

75% Muscat à Petits Grains Blanc, 25% Muscat à Petits Grains Rouge, 15.0%, FRW, £141.00

Slightly copper in colour compared to contemporaries. Lovely complex nose of citrus peel, bergamot and orange blossom. Full-bodied, sweet yet balanced. Full but not overly so. Lovely concentration of fruit, very well balanced, leading to a soft unctuous fruity finish. Good length of fruit. 2015 to 2019.



Domaine de la Pigeade Muscat de Beaumes de Venise

100% Muscat à Petits Grains, 15.0%, SVS, £192.00 AWSP

Bright, lifted bergamot and orange blossom. Very full-bodied, good acidity, sweet but not cloying. Lovely acidity on the finish and lingering florality and tangerine fruitiness. Vibrates on the finish. Very good. Bright, fresh, clean style. 2015 to 2018.



Domaine des Carabiniers Lirac Lunar Apogé

50% Grenache Blanc, 40% Roussanne, 10% Clairette, 13.0%, TFC, £156.00 AWSP

Certified biodynamic. Musky peach, the stone and skin. Just enough acidity to match the fullness, clean and racy, good tension. This has freshness, texture and interest. Moreish and well balanced. Vibrant and concentrated, though in texture and lift, not fruit. Mineral finish. 2015 to 2016.



Le Clos du Caillou Côtes-du-Rhône Le Bouquet des Garrigues

35% Clairette Rose, 30% Grenache Blanc, 35% Viognier/Bourboulenc, 14.5%, H2V, £99.00

Remarkably full and surging for a relatively basic bottling. Real power and verve here. Some bitterness on the finish, fennel and fresh herbs. And the alcohol might show a little if not properly cool, but still a good value pick. 2015 to 2017.



Domaine de la Mordorée Tavel La Dame Rousse

60% Grenache, 50% Syrah, 10% Clairette/Cinsault, 15.0%, BBR, £127.92

Red and black cherries and strawberries. Fulsome with sweet alcohol and fruit. Lots of acidity too. The alcohol is slightly noticeable in fact, but somehow the wine remains fresh. Long, bright, buzzy, fruity finish. 2015 to 2016.



Domaine Saint Amant Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages La Tabardonne

90% Viognier, 10% Roussanne, 13.5%, WTR, £144.00 AWSP

Rounded and silky texture. Enough concentration and acidity here. The oak is present, but very much in the background and not obtrusive. Lift, perfumed fruit, seems to benefit from the high altitude (estate situated 500m up). Lots of texture, good length. 2015 to 2016.

Top Tens



PRODUCERS TO WATCH

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| 2 | Domaine François Villard | 7 | Domaine de Beaurenard |
| 3 | Domaine de la Charbonnière | 8 | Domaine des Carabiniers |
| 4 | Domaine Emmanuel Darnaud | 9 | Domaine Melody |
| 5 | Domaine Niero | 10 | Domaine Christophe Pichon |



BEST VALUE 2013 REDS

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Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Mourre des
Perdrix' | 6 | Domaine Saint Amant
Côtes-du-Rhône 'Les Clapas' |
| 2 | Domaine La Ligière Vacqueyras | 7 | Domaine du Colombier Crozes-
Hermitage 'Cuvée Gaby' |
| 3 | Domaine Maby Lirac 'La Fermade' | 8 | Vignobles Mayard Châteauneuf-
du-Pape 'La Crau de ma Mère' |
| 4 | Domaine Alary Cairanne
'Estevenas' | 9 | Domaine François Villard St
Joseph 'Mairlant' |
| 5 | Les Vignerons de Roquemaure
Lirac 'Tradition' | 10 | Domaine Vincent Paris Cornas
'La Geynale' |



BEST VALUE 2013 WHITES AND ROSÉS

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France Viognier 'Les Contours de
Poncins' |
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Rhône Blanc 'Le Bouquet des
Garrigues' |
| 3 | Domaine André Perret Condrieu
'Chéry' | 9 | Domaine de la Charbonnière
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| 4 | Le Clos des Cazaux Vacqueyras
Blanc 'Cuvée des Clefs d'Or' | 10 | Domaine des Amadiou Cairanne
Blanc 'Le Haut de Beauregard' |
| 5 | Domaine de la Mordorée Tavel
'La Reine des Bois' (rosé) | | |
| 6 | Domaine Bernard Grippa St Péray
'Les Pins' | | |

Complete scores A-Z

PRODUCER	APPELLATION	WINE NAME	COLOUR	SCORE	ABV	SUPPLIER	PRICE 12 BOTS 1B	OTHER INFO
Abbé Dine	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	90	14.0%	na	na	na
Alary	Cairanne	Estevenas	Rouge	91	13.5%	H2V	£98.00	
Alary	IGP Vaucluse	L'Exclus	Rouge	88	13.0%	H2V	£80.00	
Aléofane	St Joseph		Rouge	92	13.0%	ROB	£216.00	AWSP
Aléofane	Crozes-Hermitage		Blanc	91	13.5%	OWL	na	na
Amadiou	Cairanne	Vieilles Vignes	Rouge	90		SVS	£132.00	AWSP
Amadiou	Cairanne	Le Haut de Beauregard	Blanc	92	14.0%	SVS	£144.00	AWSP
Aqueria, Château d'	Tavel		Rosé	91	14.0%	CHK	£109.66	
Balthazar, Franck	Cornas	Chaillot	Rouge	94		SVS	£288.00	AWSP
Barroche	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Signature	Rouge	91	15.0%	J&B	£300.00	AWSP
Bastide Saint Dominique	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Tradition	Rouge	91	15.0%	BIB	£228.00	AWSP
Bastide Saint Dominique	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	93		VDV	£208.98	
Beaucastel, Château de	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	95	14.5%	H2V	£420.00	
Beaucastel, Château de	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	95	14.5%	H2V	£450.00	
Beauchene, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Grande Réserve	Rouge	91	13.5%	C&B	£240.00	AWSP
Beaurenard	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	14.5%	BWS	£240.00	AWSP
Beaurenard	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Boisrenard	Blanc	95	14.0%	HSC	£348.00	AWSP
Beaurenard	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	94	14.0%	HSC	£276.00	AWSP
Beaurenard	Rasteau	Les Argiles Bleues	Rouge	92	15.0%	BWS	£192.00	AWSP
Beaurenard	Rasteau		Rouge	91	15.0%	BWS	£122.00	AWSP
Bernardins	Muscat de Beumes de Venise		Sweet	90	15.0%	FRW	£141.00	
Berthet-Rayne, André	Cairanne	Castel Mireio	Blanc	90	14.0%	CST	£120.00	AWSP
Bonneau, Henri	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	96		BBR	£948.00	AWSP
Bosquet des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Chante le Merle Vieilles Vignes	Rouge	92	14.8%	H2V	£384.00	AWSP
Bosquet des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	14.6%	H2V	£252.00	AWSP
Bosquets	Gigondas	Le Lieu Dit	Rouge	92	15.0%	LIB	£312.00	AWSP
Bouïssière	Gigondas		Rouge	92	15.2%	GON	£192.00	AWSP
Brusset	Gigondas	Les Hauts de Montmirail	Rouge	92	14.0%	NYW	£300.00	AWSP
Carabiniers	Lirac	Lunar Apogé	Rouge	91	13.5%	TFC	£180.00	AWSP
Carabiniers	Tavel	Lunar Apogé	Rosé	92	13.0%	TFC	£162.00	AWSP
Carabiniers	Lirac	Lunar Apogé	Blanc	89	13.0%	TFC	£156.00	AWSP
Chante Cigale	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Tradition	Rouge	89		NYW	£228.00	AWSP
Chapoutier	Hermitage	Le Pavillon	Rouge	96		J&B	£1,330.00	
Chapoutier	St Joseph	Le Clos	Rouge	93		FFW	£480.00	
Chapoutier	St Joseph	Les Granilites	Rouge	93		MTZ	£228.00	AWSP
Chapoutier	Hermitage	L'Ermite	Blanc	98		J&B	£2,220.00	
Chapoutier	Hermitage	De l'Orée	Blanc	96		J&B	£750.00	
Chapoutier	Hermitage	Chante-Alouette	Blanc	94	14.0%	MTZ	£432.00	AWSP
Chapoutier	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Barbe Rac	Rouge	93	14.5%	J&B	£400.00	

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Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Mourre des Perdrix	Rouge	94	15.5%	BBR	£276.00	
Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	93	15.5%	BBR	£300.00	
Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	15.0%	P&S	£228.00	AWSP
Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	93	14.0%	FRW	£193.00	
Charvin	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	93	14.0%	C&B	£360.00	AWSP
Chave, Jean Louis	Hermitage		Rouge	97		YAP	£1,740.00	AWSP
Chave, Jean Louis	Hermitage		Blanc	98		YAP	£1,428.00	AWSP
Chave, Yann	Crozes-Hermitage	Le Rouvre	Rouge	91	13.0%	CTW	£216.00	AWSP
Clape	Cornas		Rouge	96		FRW	£874.00	
Clos des Cazaux	Vacqueyras	Cuvée des Clefs d'Or	Blanc	91		J&B	£100.00	
Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	96	14.8%	UNC	£480.00	
Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	95	13.6%	UNC	£360.00	
Clos du Caillou	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Les Quartz	Rouge	93	14.5%	H2V	£412.00	
Clos du Caillou	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Réserve	Rouge	94	14.5%	H2V	£695.00	
Clos du Caillou	Côtes-du-Rhône	Les Quartz	Rouge	89	14.5%	H2V	£135.00	
Clos du Caillou	Côtes-du-Rhône	Le Bouquet des Garrigues	Blanc	89	14.5%	H2V	£99.00	
Clos La Roquette	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	92		CPW	£276.00	AWSP
Clusel-Roch	Côte-Rôtie	Grandes Places	Rouge	95		J&B	£575.00	
Clusel-Roch	Côte-Rôtie	Viaillière	Rouge	94		J&B	£470.00	
Colombier	Hermitage		Rouge	94	13.5%	GDH	£396.00	
Colombier	Crozes-Hermitage	Cuvée Gaby	Rouge	92	13.0%	GDH	£150.00	
Colombier	Hermitage		Blanc	94		J&B	£420.00	
Comber	Crozes-Hermitage		Rouge	92		EXW	£167.90	
Coulet	Cornas	Les Billes Noires	Rouge	92		J&B	£490.00	
Coursodon	St Joseph	Le Paradis Saint Pierre	Rouge	95	13.5%	BBR	£336.00	AWSP
Coursodon	St Joseph	L'Olive	Rouge	93	13.5%	CTW	£288.00	AWSP
Coursodon	St Joseph	Le Paradis Saint Pierre	Blanc	92	13.5%	BBR	£276.00	AWSP
Cristia	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	92	13.5%	GHW	£265.00	AWSP
Cuilleron, Yves	Condrieu	Les Chaillets	Blanc	95	13.5%	FRW	£392.00	AWSP
Cuilleron, Yves	Condrieu	La Petite Côte	Blanc	94	13.0%	FRW	£290.00	
Cuilleron, Yves	St Joseph	Lombard	Blanc	93	13.0%	BBR	£180.00	AWSP
Darnaud, Emmanuel	St Joseph		Rouge	92	13.0%	FMV	£300.00	AWSP
Delas Frères	Côte-Rôtie	La Landonne	Rouge	94		BWS	£1,284.00	AWSP
Delas Frères	Cornas	Chante Perdrix	Rouge	93		BWS	£264.00	AWSP
Delas Frères	St Joseph	Sainte Epine	Rouge	92		BWS	£288.00	AWSP
Delas Frères	Hermitage	Domaine des Tourettes	Blanc	93		BWS	£408.00	AWSP
Duclaux	Côte-Rôtie	Maison Rouge	Rouge	94	13.0%	VNT	£564.00	AWSP
Durand, Eric & Joël	Cornas	Confidence	Rouge	95	13.0%	BBR	£402.00	AWSP
Durand, Eric & Joël	Cornas	Empreintes	Rouge	93	13.0%	BBR	£240.00	AWSP
Durand, Eric & Joël	St Joseph	Lautaret	Rouge	92	13.0%	BBR	£216.00	AWSP
Espigouette	Plan de Dieu		Rouge	89	14.0%	GDH	£120.00	AWSP
Famille Brechet	Lirac	Le Plateau des Chênes	Blanc	90	15.0%	LIB	£144.00	AWSP
Faurie, Bernard	Hermitage	Bessards Méral	Rouge	95		J&B	£450.00	
Faurie, Bernard	Hermitage		Blanc	94		J&B	£456.00	AWSP
Ferme Saint Martin	Beaumes de Venise	Costancia	Rouge	89	14.5%	EXW	£144.00	AWSP
Fines Roches, Château des	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	90	13.5%	SPW	£228.00	AWSP
Font de Michelle	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	15.0%	GDH	£195.00	
Font de Michelle	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Etienne Gonnet	Blanc	94	13.5%	GDH	£360.00	AWSP
Font de Michelle	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	91	13.5%	GDH	£288.00	AWSP

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Fontavin	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	David et Goliath	Rouge	91		IWC	£225.00	AWSP
Fortia, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Cuvée du Baron	Rouge	91	14.5%	SLW	£276.00	AWSP
Fortia, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Réserve	Rouge	90		SLW	£324.00	AWSP
Gaillard, Pierre	Côte-Rôtie	Rose Pourpre	Rouge	93	12.5%	H2V	£545.00	
Gaillard, Pierre	Côte-Rôtie	Esprit de Blonde	Rouge	92	12.5%	H2V	£400.00	
Gaillard, Pierre	St Péray		Blanc	91	12.5%	H2V	£114.00	
Gonon	St Joseph		Rouge	95	13.0%	VNT	£360.00	AWSP
Gonon	St Joseph	Les Oliviers	Blanc	93		VNT	£450.00	AWSP
Goubert	Gigondas		Rouge	90	14.0%	VNC	£156.00	AWSP
Gourt de Mautens	Rasteau (bottled under IGP Vaucluse)		Rouge	95		ARM	£384.00	AWSP
Graillot, Alain	Crozes-Hermitage		Rouge	90		YAP	£204.00	AWSP
Grand Veneur	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Les Origines	Rouge	92	15.0%	H2V	£270.00	
Grand Veneur	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	89	15.0%	BAN	£240.00	AWSP
Grand Veneur	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	La Fontaine	Blanc	94	14.0%	H2V	£278.00	
Grands Bois	Cairanne	Cuvée Eloïse	Rouge	89	14.5%	GON	£144.00	AWSP
Grapillon d'Or	Gigondas	Excellence	Rouge	92	14.5%	VNT	£276.00	AWSP
Grapillon d'Or	Gigondas	1806 Aged in old oak barrels	Rouge	92	14.5%	CTW	£192.00	AWSP
Gripa, Bernard	St Joseph	Le Berceau	Blanc	95	13.5%	VNT	£370.00	AWSP
Gripa, Bernard	St Péray	Les Figuiers	Blanc	95	13.5%	VNT	£260.00	AWSP
Gripa, Bernard	St Péray	Les Pins	Blanc	93	13.5%	VNT	£192.00	AWSP
Gripa, Bernard	St Joseph		Blanc	92	13.5%	VNT	£288.00	AWSP
Guigal	Côte-Rôtie	La Landonne	Rouge	96		JEF	£3,996.00	AWSP
Guigal	St Joseph	Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph	Blanc	93	13.5%	BBR	£324.00	AWSP
Hautes Cances	Cairanne	Vieilles Vignes	Rouge	92	14.0%	OWL	£156.00	AWSP
Hautes Cances	Cairanne	Tradition	Blanc	91	13.5%	OWL	£192.00	AWSP
Jaboulet Aîné	St Joseph	La Croix des Vignes	Rouge	93	13.0%	BIB	£528.00	AWSP
Jaboulet Aîné	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Domaine de Terre Ferme	Blanc	90	14.0%	BIB	£360.00	AWSP
Jamet	Côte-Rôtie	Côte Brune	Rouge	98		BIB	£2,916.00	AWSP
Janasse	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Vieilles Vignes	Rouge	94	15.5%	ENO	£768.00	AWSP
Janasse	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Chapain	Rouge	92	15.5%	ENO	£600.00	AWSP
Janasse	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	15.5%	ENO	£336.00	AWSP
Janasse	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	94		FRW	£337.70	
Jas de Bressy, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	14.0%	SPW	£276.00	AWSP
Jas de Bressy, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	92	14.0%	SPW	£192.00	AWSP
Juliette Avril	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Maxence	Rouge	90	14.5%	W2L	£360.00	AWSP
Ligière	Vacqueyras		Rouge	92	14.0%	H2V	£99.00	
Maby	Lirac	La Fermade	Rouge	89	14.5%	TWS	£74.90	
Marcoux	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	14.5%	H2V	£300.00	
Marcoux	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	91	14.5%	H2V	£300.00	
Martinelle	Beaumes de Venise		Rouge	90	14.5%	VNT	£144.00	AWSP
Mas de Boislauzon	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91		NYW	£252.00	AWSP
Melody	Crozes-Hermitage	Premier Regard	Rouge	91	13.0%	FLI	£168.00	AWSP
Melody	Crozes-Hermitage	L'Exception	Blanc	91	13.5%	FLI	na	na
Michelas-St-Jemms	St Joseph	Sainte Epine	Rouge	91	13.0%	CTW	£156.00	AWSP
Mont Thabor, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	15.2%	EMW	£276.00	AWSP
Montirius	Vacqueyras	Le Clos	Rouge	93	14.0%	OWL	£192.00	AWSP
Montirius	Gigondas	Confidentiel	Rouge	92	15.0%	OWL	£240.00	AWSP
Mordorée	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	La Reine des Bois	Rouge	92	15.0%	FRW	£468.00	AWSP
Mordorée	Lirac	La Reine des Bois	Rouge	92	14.5%	BBR	£192.00	AWSP

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Mordorée	Tavel	La Reine des Bois	Rosé	92	15.0%	FRW	£125.00	
Mordorée	Tavel	La Dame Rousse	Rosé	89	15.0%	BBR	£127.92	
Mouton	Côte-Rôtie		Rouge	94	13.0%	BBR	£550.00	AWSP
Mouton	Condrieu	Côte Châtillon	Blanc	97	14.0%	BBR	£440.00	AWSP
Mouton	Condrieu	Côte Bonnette	Blanc	96	14.0%	BBR	£252.00	AWSP
Muretins (Dauvergne-Ranvier)	Lirac	La Parcelle	Rouge	89	14.0%	WST	na	na
Nalys	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Eicelenci	Blanc	93	13.5%	YSM	£265.40	AWSP
Nerthe, Château La	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	14.0%	WON	£336.00	AWSP
Nerthe, Château La	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Clos de Beauvenir	Blanc	93	13.5%	WON	£696.00	AWSP
Nerthe, Château La	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	91	13.5%	WON	£315.60	
Niero	Côte-Rôtie	Eminence	Rouge	95	13.0%	BBR	£324.00	AWSP
Niero	Condrieu	Chéry	Blanc	97	14.5%	BBR	£336.00	AWSP
Niero	Condrieu	Les Ravines	Blanc	95	14.0%	BBR	£312.00	AWSP
Paris, Vincent	Cornas	La Geynale	Rouge	96	14.0%	THT	£360.00	AWSP
Paris, Vincent	Cornas	Granit 60	Rouge	95	13.0%	THT	£324.00	AWSP
Pegaü	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Cuvée Reservée	Rouge	90		L&W	£492.00	AWSP
Père Caboché	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	91	13.5%	YAP	£164.90	
Perret, André	St Joseph	Les Grisières	Rouge	91		J&B	£170.00	
Perret, André	Condrieu	Chéry	Blanc	98		GDH	£320.00	
Perret, André	Condrieu		Blanc	94		J&B	£250.00	
Pichon, Christophe	Côte-Rôtie	Promesse	Rouge	94	12.5%	BBR	£308.00	AWSP
Pichon, Christophe	St Joseph		Rouge	91	12.5%	BBR	£156.00	AWSP
Pichon, Christophe	Condrieu		Blanc	94	14.0%	BBR	£288.00	AWSP
Pigeade	Muscat de Beumes de Venise		Sweet	89	15.0%	SVS	£192.00	AWSP
Porte Rouge	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	90	14.5%	JAS	£204.00	AWSP
Raspail-Ay	Gigondas		Rouge	91	14.0%	THT	£204.00	AWSP
Rayas, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	96		OWL	£2,337.00	AWSP
Rayas, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	96		OWL	£1,200.00	AWSP
Remizières	Crozes-Hermitage	Cuvée Christophe	Rouge	90	13.0%	FMV	£276.00	AWSP
Roquette	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Piedlong	Rouge	91		BBR	£272.00	AWSP
Rostaing, René	Côte-Rôtie	La Landonne	Rouge	97		J&B	£895.00	
Rostaing, René	Côte-Rôtie	Ampodium	Rouge	93		J&B	£430.00	
Roucas Toumba	Vacqueyras	La Grande Terre	Rouge	91	14.0%	VT	£180.00	AWSP
Roucas Toumba	Vacqueyras	Les Prémices	Blanc	92	14.0%	J&B	£100.00	
Sabon, Roger	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Prestige	Rouge	94	15.0%	NYW	£312.00	AWSP
Sabon, Roger	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Réserve	Rouge	92	15.0%	NYW	£240.00	AWSP
Saint Amant	Côtes-du-Rhône	Les Clapas	Rouge	89	13.5%	SWG	£96.00	AWSP
Saint Amant	Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages	La Tabardonne	Blanc	89	13.5%	WTR	£144.00	AWSP
Saint Cosme, Château de	Gigondas	Le Poste	Rouge	95	14.0%	UNC	£480.00	AWSP
Saint Cosme, Château de	Gigondas	Hominis Fides	Rouge	94	14.0%	FRW	£648.00	AWSP
Saint Cosme, Château de	Gigondas		Rouge	91	14.0%	UNC	£228.00	AWSP
Saint Préfert	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Réserve Auguste Favier	Rouge	92	15.5%	UNC	£384.00	AWSP
Saint Siffrein	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	90	14.0%	TAW	£300.00	AWSP
Sang de Cailloux	Vacqueyras	Lopy	Rouge	92		GON	£264.00	AWSP
Santa Duc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Habemus Papam	Rouge	92		BAN	£408.00	AWSP
Sixtine, Château	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	15.5%	FRW	£336.00	AWSP
Solitude	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	92	13.5%	SLW	£245.30	
Sorrel, Marc	Hermitage	Le Gréal	Rouge	95		BBR	£840.00	AWSP
Sorrel, Marc	Hermitage	Les Rocoules	Blanc	96		BBR	£816.00	AWSP

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Sorrel, Marc	Hermitage		Blanc	94		BBR	£480.00	AWSP
Soumade	Rasteau	Prestige	Rouge	93	14.5%	THT	£180.00	AWSP
Tunnel	St Péray	Pur Blanc	Blanc	94	13.5%	BBR	£238.00	AWSP
Tunnel	St Péray	Cuvée Prestige	Blanc	93	13.5%	BBR	£192.00	AWSP
Usseglio et Fils, Pierre	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	92	15.0%	L&W	£252.00	AWSP
Usseglio et Fils, Pierre	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Blanc	93	13.5%	DAW	£326.00	AWSP
Usseglio et Fils, Raymond	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Cuvée Impériale	Rouge	93	15.4%	BBR	£612.00	AWSP
Usseglio et Fils, Raymond	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		Rouge	91	14.8%	BBR	£228.00	AWSP
Vaudieu, Château de	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Val de Dieu	Rouge	93	15.0%	FRW	£516.00	AWSP
Vieux Télégraphe	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	La Crau	Rouge	92		UNC	£330.00	
Vieux Télégraphe	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	La Crau	Blanc	93		J&B	£375.00	
Vignerons de Roquemaure	Lirac	Tradition	Rouge	90	14.5%	SWI	£84.00	AWSP
Vignobles Alain Jaume & Fils	Lirac	Clos de Sixte	Rouge	89	15.0%	FRW	£144.00	AWSP
Vignobles Mayard	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	La Crau de ma Mère	Rouge	92	14.5%	H2V	£225.00	
Vignobles Mayard	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	Domaine du Père Pape	Rouge	91	14.5%	H2V	£188.00	
Villard, François	Côte-Rôtie	Le Gallet Blanc	Rouge	95		H2V	£320.00	
Villard, François	St Joseph	Mairlant	Rouge	93		H2V	£165.00	
Villard, François	St Joseph	Reffet	Rouge	91		H2V	£238.00	
Villard, François	Condrieu	Les Terrasses du Palat	Blanc	97	13.5%	H2V	£260.00	
Villard, François	Condrieu	Grand Vallon	Blanc	95	13.0%	H2V	£285.00	
Villard, François	St Joseph	Mairlant	Blanc	93	13.5%	H2V	£204.00	AWSP
Villard, François	Vin de France	Les Contours de Poncins	Blanc	91	13.5%	H2V	£138.00	
Voge, Alain	Cornas	Vieilles Vignes	Rouge	94	13.5%	GDH	£350.00	
Voge, Alain	Cornas	Les Chailles	Rouge	91	13.5%		£230.00	

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