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OPENING OFFER OF 2015s FROM THE RHONE VALLEY



The view across the Rhône from Tain to Tournon

Grower after grower spoke of the ease of the 2015 growing season – certainly it was unusually dry from late May, and hot from late June. But thanks to a very wet autumn and winter 2014-2015, there were plentiful water reserves, and it was only the young vines on especially sandy soils that suffered a little from the heat. Even then, this was ameliorated by the occasional day or two of rain in the middle of August (8th, 13th, 23rd-25th in the South) and (also in the South) in the middle of September. All producers talked of the brilliant harvest conditions – after 4 months of virtual drought, the rain which fell was easily absorbed by the ground, and cool nights in September ensured no danger of rot. In the north, there was a frenzy of activity to get everything picked before the couple of days' rain forecast around the middle of the month; in the south, there was some relief that this rain came to alleviate the very dry conditions, allowing the vines some extra time to ripen before picking the

later-ripening varieties in the second half of September. In all cases, fruit came in to the wineries in perfect condition. It is a little early for opinion to settle on whether this is a ‘very fine’ or a ‘great’ vintage – but 2015 is certainly up there among the very best, and the wines will give enormous pleasure to lovers of wines from the Rhône Valley.

Richard Berkley-Matthews
28th October 2016



The Rhône Valley

THE NORTHERN RHONE

Domaine du Colombier



The Viale family owns this domaine which grows apricots and cherries as well as grapes. The two brothers, Florent and David, work side by side while their father Gaby keeps a watchful eye from semi-retirement. Florent has recovered well from serious illness and was back at the helm for the 2015 harvest, which he described as ‘exceptional’, taking place in ideal conditions. A team of 18 pickers began work on 8th September with the older vines; the younger vines needed a bit more time to ripen having suffered a little from the summer heat.

Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£138.00

Very dark ruby purple. Intense, ripe fruit scents. Supple and seductive on the palate. A very delicious Crozes. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Crozes Hermitage Rouge Cuvée Gaby

£183.00

Per 6 magnums

£204.00

We tasted the constituent parts of the blend, which promise a wine of serious complexity. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Hermitage Rouge £474.00

Per 6 magnums £498.00

40% whole bunch pressing, and aged 20% in new oak. Tremendous complexity and length, with wonderfully fine tannins. Drink 2018-2026.

White Wines

2015 Crozes Hermitage Blanc Cuvée Gaby £213.00

Pure Marsanne fermented in new *deni-muids*. Superb complexity; long and fresh. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Hermitage Blanc Per 6 bottles £285.00

Pure Marsanne aged for 18 months in large oak barrels. Our allocation is generally 24 or 36 bottles, so this is like gold dust. The wine shows outstanding minerality and zest. Drink 2016-2024.



Domaine Courbis

Brothers Laurent and Dominique Courbis run this 31 hectare domaine, which traces its roots back to the 16th century, from their modern, cellars in Châteaubourg, south of Tain l'Hermitage. The domaine produces Cornas and St Joseph of superb quality from south and south-east facing vineyards on the terrifically steep terraces above the villages of Châteaubourg, Glun and Cornas. All the fruit is hand-picked, and vinification techniques are broadly traditional. The harvest began on 2nd September with the whites. The intense summer heat reduced the size of the crop slightly.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£132.00

From a 1 hectare plot of vines in the commune of Pont de l'Isère. Gorgeous red fruit character, and very fine tannins on the finish. A wine of real charm. Drink 2017-2021.

2015 St Joseph Rouge

£162.00

Superb ripeness on the palate. Fine, rich and very long lasting. Drink 2018-2021.

2015 St Joseph Rouges Les Royes

£246.00

Aged in oak, of which 25% is new in 2015. Seductive, and wonderfully balanced. Delicious milk chocolate overtones. Drink 2018-2022.

Per Case In Bond

2015 Cornas Champelrose **£249.00**

50% new oak. A wine of huge concentration and ripeness. Firm, structured and superbly balanced. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Cornas Les Eygats **£366.00**

Aged half in new oak and half in 2 year old barrels. Incredible dark colour. Seductive, textured and exceptionally ripe with layers of fruit. Outstanding. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Cornas La Sabarotte **£495.00**

Aged mostly in new oak. A wine of terrific power, with stunning fruit, great complexity and incredible length. Drink 2019-2026.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 St Joseph Blanc **£168.00**

Mainly Marsanne with 2.5% Roussanne, aged in barrel for 8 months prior to bottling. Straw gold colour. Ripe and generous, with well-balanced freshness. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 St Joseph Blanc Les Royes **£246.00**

Only 250 cases produced of this pure Marsanne, vinified in new oak. Intense peach and apricot flower aromas. Superb complexity and length on the palate. Drink 2017-2020.



Domaine Garon

I have known the Garons since they began bottling their own production in the early 1990s. Prior to that, they sold their wine in barrel to Guigal. Their sons Fabien, and Kévin (below), are now fully in charge of running the domaine. 80% of the grapes are de-stemmed, giving wines of wonderful softness and purity of fruit. From small beginnings in a winery that was little more than a shed, the Garons are now installed in their splendid new winery. Much of the work has been carried out themselves, and the result is really brilliant – giving plenty of space, but in no way altering the essential family-run character of this wonderful small domaine. They described 2015 as ‘magnificent’ and ‘a perfect year’. Most of the fruit was picked during the first few days of September, finishing with the later ripening parcels on 15th.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

**2015 Côte Rôtie Les Triotes
(Côte Blonde)**

Per 6 bottles

£174.00

A great combination of ripe fruit, plush tannins and harmonious structure. Very long finish. Drink 2018-2026.

**2015 Côte Rôtie Les Rochins
(Côte Brune)**

Per 6 bottles

£288.00

Fabulous fruit, supported by powerful and perfectly integrated tannins. Spicy and long on the finish. Drink 2019-2027.

2015 Côte Rôtie Lancement

Per 6 bottles

£450.00

The 3rd vintage of this cuvée from 30+ year old vines in the Côte Blonde, aged in 50% new wood. Seriously sophisticated, this is ripe, complex, precise and fine-grained. Drink 2019-2027.

Domaine Niero

This 7 hectare domaine was established by Jean Pinchon, father-in-law of Robert Niero. It is now in the hands of Rémi – Robert’s son – who also has an important job managing a company which manufactures winemaking equipment. He is assisted by Jean-François Young who takes care of everything on a day to day basis. An impeccable small operation run from the cuverie and cellars in the middle of Condrieu, this is an outstanding source both for Côte Rôtie and for Condrieu. When we visited on Thursday 10th September, the domaine was a frenzy of picking activity – rain was forecast for the weekend, and Rémi was determined to have everything picked before it began. The whites were finished, and they had started the reds that morning, expecting to finish late the following day. The fruit coming in was impeccable, and the excitement tangible.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Côte Rôtie Eminence

£330.00

Niero’s Côte Rôtie is almost Burgundian in style – intensely fragrant, and stunning on the palate – refined, complex, supple and long. Wonderful expression of ripe fruit. Drink 2018-2026.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Condrieu, Les Ravines

£297.00

From five separate parcels of vines, vinified in tank. Pale lemon colour, and truly delicious on the palate. A ripe and fleshy style of Condrieu, but still with marvellous balance and freshness. Drink 2017-2020.

Domaine M & S Ogier

Stéphane Ogier is really going places – every year there has been further expansion of this once very small family domaine, as much focused on apple growing as wine making. Stéphane acquired a piece of land facing across to the vineyards of Côte Rôtie and his fabulous new winery is now completely finished, including the beautiful new tasting room. 2015 is the second vintage to be made here. He described conditions as ‘perfect’, picking from 1st to 11th September.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Le Temps Est Venu, Côtes du Rhône

£84.00

From vineyards around Plan de Dieu and Vizan in the southern Rhône, this is a blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. Bursting with attractive strawberry fruit, this is lush and ripe. Drink 2017-2020.

Per Case In Bond

2015 Syrah La Rosine, TBC
Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes
Very dark colour. Firm, fresh and balanced, full of fresh red-fruit character. Fine tannins and generous length. Drink 2018-2021.

2015 Syrah L'Ame Soeur TBC
From the slopes above Vienne, around Seyssuel. A powerfully structured wine with considerable ageing potential. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Côte Rôtie Village TBC
A Côte Rôtie designed for relatively early drinking. Generous and broad on the palate with fine tannins and lovely length. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Côte Rôtie Réserve TBC
Wonderfully ripe and generous, with great balancing freshness and precision. Superb length and complexity. Drink 2019-2026.

White Wines Per Case In Bond

2015 Viognier de Rosine, £150.00
Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes
Delicious floral scents. Fine and mineral on the palate with lovely freshness and length. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Condrieu La Combe de Malleval £279.00
Terrific intense, ripe aromas. Superb mineral complexity on the palate. Fresh and persistent finish. Drink 2018-2021.

2015 Condrieu Vieilles Vignes Per 6 bottles £240.00
Jacques Vernay
Plump and rich, with an especially long and seductive finish. Drink 2018-2023.



Etienne Pochon

The self-effacing Etienne Pochon owns this 15 hectare estate centred on the Château de Curson. This is a fine source of high quality, mostly tank made, Crozes designed for easy and early drinking. Etienne described 2015 as an easy growing season, producing very high quality fruit and about average quantity. Everything was picked in the first two weeks of September.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£111.00

Produced at only 35 hl/ha. Very dark ruby red. Ripe and concentrated aromas. Lovely ripe tannins supporting the delicious red fruit. Drink 2017-2020.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Crozes Hermitage Blanc

£102.00

A blend of 60% Roussanne and 40% Marsanne. Pale straw gold colour and pretty floral scents. Nice concentration on the palate, with good mineral structure and length. Drink 2017-2019.

Domaine René Rostaing

René's son Pierre is now running this great domaine, though René remains involved in the background, providing advice and guidance when asked. A new cellar is also being built to allow extra space for ageing. Picking began on 7th September, and Pierre described the fruit as 'magnifique' – an adjective heard in a large number of cellars. Harvest conditions were perfect, and picking was completed on 10th September. One year on, René was full of praise for the results: "*un immense millésime*".



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Côte Rôtie Ampodium

£459.00

Formerly the 'Cuvée Classique' and now named after the Roman name for Ampuis, the fruit for this cuvee comes from 24 different parcels of vines. Rich, ripe and layered on the palate. Velvet-rich tannins and super length. Drink 2018-2025.

2015 Côte Rôtie La Landonne

£1,080.00

A wine of huge concentration with the most tremendous depth of fruit. Superb complexity and length. Drink 2019-2027.

2015 Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde

£1,200.00

Even more seductive on the palate – similar depth and concentration, but with an extra layer of richness. Drink 2019-2027.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Condrieu La Bonnette

£495.00

Lovely fleshy fruit, reminiscent of ripe peaches. A big wine which carries its weight with remarkable ease. Drink 2017-2020.

Domaine Semaska

Christophe Semaska owns this very fine estate which currently has 6 hectares of Côte Rôtie (growing to 10 hectares as new plantings come into production over the coming years) and 0.7 of a hectare of Condrieu. The wines are made in a modern style, with quite a bit of new oak, yet Christophe achieves extraordinary typicity, sophistication and balance. Picking was all finished by 10th September, and Christophe was clearly delighted with the results.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Côte Rôtie

Per 6 bottles

£180.00

Château de Montlys

Half aged in new oak. Very dark colour. Tremendous weight of black fruit on the palate. Fine and long lasting. Drink 2018-2025.

2015 Côte Rôtie Lancement

Per 6 bottles

£348.00

Aged entirely in new oak. Fabulously impressive with layers of textured ripe, chocolatey fruit. Very long, supple finish. Drink 2019-2027.

Per Case In Bond

**2015 Côte Rôtie
Fleur de Montlys
Drink 2019-2027.**

Per 6 bottles

£348.00

**2015 Côte Rôtie
Elixir d'Ariane
Drink 2020-2030.**

Per 6 bottles

£960.00

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Condrieu, Lys d'Or

Per 6 bottles

£168.00

**Ripe and rich, with lovely mineral balance too. A delicious Condrieu.
Drink 2017-2020.**



Domaine Voge

Alain Voge joined his father at this small family domaine in 1958, and over the next 50 years he increased the vineyard holdings to 12 hectares, establishing the domaine as one of the finest producers in Cornas. Now retired but still very much in the background, he has gone into partnership with Alberic Mazoyer who is part owner and runs the domaine with real flair, making these wines among the most sought-after of Cornas.

In addition, the exceptional quality of the domaine's whites has done much to re-establish the reputation of the once widely known appellation of St Péray. The pickers finished the whites and began the reds on 8th September, bringing in a good crop of perfectly healthy fruit. As well as the good weather in the lead-up to the harvest, Alberic also said that the small amount of rain ("*sainte pluie*") which fell around the 15th August was immensely beneficial as it eased the summer's otherwise very dry conditions.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Côtes du Rhône Syrah Les Peyrouses **£135.00**
Delicious raspberry fruit character. Ripe and concentrated – lovely.
Drink 2018-2021.

2015 St Joseph Les Vinsonnes **£234.00**
From vines above Mauves. Classic scents, concentrated and ripe. Long, fruit dominated finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Cornas Les Chailles **£300.00**
Deep ruby purple colour. Fabulous ripe aromas. Pure and ripe and fine on the palate. Well structured, perfectly balanced. Drink 2019-2023.

2015 Cornas Les Vieilles Vignes **£450.00**
80% destemmed and aged in 15% new wood. Superb ripeness on the nose. A seductive hint of sweetness on the front of the palate. Lots of concentration and extraction, and also wonderful balance. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Cornas les Vieilles Fontaines £774.00

Aged in 20% new wood, this cuvee is only produced in vintages which merit it. A touch of white pepper adds spiciness to the aromas.

Exceptional quality of ripe, rounded fruit and tannin on the palate. Very fine and harmonious, this is outstanding. Drink 2020-2026.

White Wines

2015 St Péray Harmonie £177.00

Deliciously supple and fresh, with lovely floral fruit. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 St Péray Terres Boisées £237.00

Pure Marsanne. Gorgeous toasty aromas, seductive and fleshy on the palate with fine acidity and a very long finish. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 St Péray Fleur de Crussol £297.00

Also pure Marsanne. Really lemony scents. Complex, mineral and seriously long lasting on the palate. Drink 2017-2021.



THE SOUTHERN RHONE

L'Ameillaud

Since 1983 this 50 hectare has been run by Devonian Nick Thompson together with his wife Sabine, grand-daughter of the estate's founder, Albert Rieu. All the fruit is hand-picked and then de-stemmed prior to fermentation in concrete vats (now increasingly back in fashion). This is a terrific source of extremely well made and remarkably inexpensive wines which represent outstanding value for money. Picking began on 10th September and followed a prolonged period of brilliant weather. All three wines are blends of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, in varying proportions according to the planting in the vineyards.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse

£48.00

Lovely dark plum fruit scents. Ripe and rounded on the palate, with fine-grained tannins. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Vin de Pays Principauté d'Orange

£48.00

Supple and ripe, with very expressive red fruit style. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Côtes du Rhône

£60.00

An especially expressive nose, punching well above its weight. Lovely sweet fruit on the palate. Very good balance and length. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Cairanne

£81.00

Ripe and generous, with lovely weight of fruit on the finish. Drink 2018-2022.

Domaine du Cayron

Michel Faraud and his daughters Delphine, Cendrine and Roseline produce just one wine from their 14 hectares of vines – and it is surely one of the most outstanding wines of the village. Everything used to be done the old way – most particularly the use of an old vertical press – but nothing lasts forever, and it has been replaced by an up-to-date pneumatic press, used for the first time for the 2015 vintage. Other aspects remain unchanged, particularly the the ageing in large oak *foudres* – two of which have been replaced, with the remainder more than 50 years old. Picking began comparatively late here – on 21st September.



RIP!

2015 Gigondas**£198.00****Per 6 magnums****£231.00****Per 1 double magnum****£79.00**

Very deep, dark ruby colour. Superb aromas hint at wild strawberries and cherries. Concentrated, powerful and complex on the palate. Terrific length. Drink 2018-2023.

Domaine Charvin

Laurent Charvin's Côtes du Rhône is one of the southern Rhône's best kept secrets. While Charvin has become one of the most famous of the region's small producers, with a reputation for quality established by his outstanding Châteauneuf, it should come as little surprise that his Côtes du Rhône, from old vines which make up more than half the domaine's 23 hectares, is also a wine of real class, with remarkable ageing potential. Picking began on 8th September, and lasted until the 25th. Laurent has given the vineyard work here an even bigger focus in the last few years, taking on an extra employee and being more reactive than ever to the needs of the vines as they respond to the conditions. He is clearly thrilled with the results in 2015.



2015 Côtes du Rhône Rouge £114.00

Per 6 magnums £129.00

Very dark colour. Intense aromas of dark fruits. Full of gorgeous ripe fruit and textured tannins on the palate. Fine, balanced and very long. Unbelievable for a Côtes du Rhône. Drink 2017-2021.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge £345.00

Per 6 magnums £360.00

85% of the blend is Grenache, with the remainder Syrah, Mourvèdre and Vaccarèse. The wine is truly impressive – complex, mineral and full of fruit; terrific length. Drink 2019-2028.

Château Courac

Frédéric & Josephine Arnaud have run this 88 hectare estate since 1995. Courac is in the hills, high up above the village of Tresques, north-west of Châteauneuf du Pape, and benefits from extremely well drained soils and very good exposure to the Mistral. Since taking over the property, the Arnolds have worked with remarkable energy to restore the vineyards and winery. They produce largely tank-made wines which show maximum purity of fruit, and their prices are extraordinarily reasonable, making these among the best value wines in our portfolio.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Mas Arnaud, Côtes du Rhône

£60.00

A blend of Syrah and Grenache (50/50). Deep ruby colour. Lush dark red fruit and fine tannins. Terrifically good value. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Château Courac, Côtes du Rhône

£69.00

Generous, ripe and supple on the palate with plenty of structure too. Lovely balance and length. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Laudun, Côtes du Rhône Villages

£81.00

Lots of matter on the mouth here – generous and concentrated. Seductive and ripe attack, and long finish. Drink 2017-2021.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2015 Laudun Blanc, Côtes du Rhône Villages

£81.00

80% Clairette and 20% Grenache Blanc. Really pale lemon colour. Ripe, plump and fleshy with fine acidity. Absolutely delicious. Drink 2017-2019

Domaine Font de Michelle/Famille Gonnet

Font de Michelle owes its current form to Etienne Gonnet, who worked closely with his brother-in-law Henri Brunier of Vieux Télégraphe – the neighbouring estate in Bédarrides. It is now owned by his sons Michel and Jean, and run by their sons Guillaume and Bertrand respectively, together with Guillaume's Australian wife, Kelly. There are 30 hectares of vines, 60 to 70 years old, and 7 hectares in Le Crau – one of the finest sectors of Châteauneuf – of 100 to 115 year old vines. The estate goes from strength to strength under the incredibly energetic leadership of the younger generation. The pursuit of quality overrides all other considerations, and the results speak for themselves. Picking began with the whites on 8th September, and the reds followed from 11th with a team of about 20 pickers working fast to bring everything in while the conditions remained perfect. Guillaume described 2015 as a hot, dry vintage and the wines as 'stunning and gorgeous'.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Ventoux La Jeannette, Famille Gonnet £60.00
80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. Deep ruby. Fresh, ripe and vibrant on the palate. Outstanding value for money. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Côtes du Rhône Rouge Villages Signargues, Notre Passion, La Font du Vent, Famille Gonnet £78.00
A blend of 60% Grenache, 30% Syrah and 10% Cinsault. Very dark ruby. Wonderfully intense, ripe fruit aromas. Superb fruit and good structure which will allow for continuing development in the bottle. Really excellent. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Vacqueyras La Joséphine, Famille Gonnet £138.00
90% Grenache and 10% Syrah. Highly scented and a delicious long, fruit-dominated finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Gigondas L'Olivia, Famille Gonnet £165.00
Very attractive wild berry fruit aromas. Densely packed on the palate, and impressively long finish. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Domaine Font de Michelle £237.00
A blend, as always, dominated by Grenache (70%), the wine is full of lush, ripe fruit. Firm tannins are ripe and balanced, giving the wine excellent poise and length. Drink 2018-2024.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £432.00
Cuvée Etienne Gonnet, Domaine Font de Michelle

Last produced in 2012 vintage, the estate's 'top' cuvée makes a welcome return. 65% Grenache (100 year old vines), 20% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre (90 year old vines). Powerful aromas of dark Morello cherries. Ripe and seductive on the palate with remarkable elegance despite the power. Huge depth, and tremendous balance and length. Drink 2019-2027.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £519.00
Elégance de Jeanne
Drink 2019-2027.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £435.00
Le Bois Pointu, Blagden & Gonnet
80% Counoise (cropped at only 15hl/ha), with the balance made up of Grenache and Mourvèdre, from vines owned by Charles Blagden. The fruit was picked in glorious sunshine on 1st October, after three weeks of perfect weather. Intense floral bouquet, and the sort of stunningly effortless refinement and elegance on the palate typical of the Blagden touch. Complex, supple and very long. Drink 2019-2027.



The great Charles Blagden

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Domaine Font de Michelle

£237.00

A blend of Grenche Blanc (45%), Clairette and Roussanne (25% each) and 5% Bourboulenc. A wine of lovely balance – the freshness is thanks to the decision to pick early – and full of chalky, mineral fruit. Drink 2017-2020.



Famille Perrin

As well as the great Château de Beaucastel – probably Châteauneuf’s most famous property – the Perrins own vineyards in a number of appellations, and make wine as négociants from many more. As you might expect, this is an extremely reliable source of beautifully made wines. The Perrins started picking the whites on 2nd September, and the reds from 7th. Marc Perrin has described 2015 as: “a stunning vintage with every single varietal performing exceptionally well; balance & finesse; a perfect vintage to blend. Similar to ’89, more elegant than ’07; a textbook vintage...the best since ’78.”



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Vinsobres Les Cornuds

£90.00

A blend of 50/50 Syrah and Grenache from 75 hectares of vines in the appellation. Wonderful super-ripe Syrah character – supple, rich and long. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Gigondas La Gille

£165.00

A blend of Grenache (80%) and Syrah (20%). Really charming and fragrant. Lovely fruit balanced by good, ripe structure. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles Per 6 bottles

£142.50

From a single plot of 3 hectares. Intensely aromatic, and really stunning fruit on the palate. Ripe, generous and wonderfully balanced. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Coudoulet de Beaucastel Rouge, Côtes du Rhône

£139.20

A fabulous year for the reds of Coudoulet, characterized by a nice roundness with a beautiful ruby colour. The nose is both fresh and complex with notes of spice and liquorice. The palate is subtly balanced between a beautiful freshness and notes of black fruit. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Per 6 bottles £225.00
Château de Beaucastel Per 6 magnums £450.00

The first blend of the 13 grapes varieties at Château de Beaucastel show a unique wine which reveals the fantastic weather condition and the superb quality of the grapes harvested. Deep ruby colour; rich aromas; blueberries and cassis jam with silky tannins and delicate. A superb vintage already showing impressive energy and balance. Drink 2020-2031.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Per 6 bottles £225.00
Château de Beaucastel

80% Roussanne, and 30% vinified in oak. Rich straw gold colour. Ripe, rich and exotic on the palate with fine acidity holding the wine in balance on the finish. Good length. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Roussanne Vieilles Vignes, Per 3 bottles £217.50
Château de Beaucastel

85-105 year old vines. 50% aged in oak.

Truly delicious – this is very ripe and rich with stunning weight on the palate, and lovely mineral balance on the finish. Drink 2017-2022.

Domaine Jean-Paul Versino

A small estate of only 16 hectares with cellars in Châteauneuf itself, and vineyards spread in small parcels – 27 of them – throughout the appellation, allowing fruit to be harvested in batches when optimum ripeness has been achieved. 65% of the vines are Grenache, with 15% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre and the balance (5%) made up of a number of other local varieties; no pesticides are used. Jean-Paul Versino is a man of infectious enthusiasm, and brings total dedication to his thoroughly traditional style of Châteauneuf. Picking began on 18th September and finished on 1st October. Jean-Paul described 2015 as a '*très beau millésime*' with power, and lots of potential.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge	£234.00
Per 6 magnums	£252.00
Per 1 double magnum	£99.00

60% Grenache, 12% Mourvèdre, 12% Syrah and 16% of other varieties. Only 20% of the fruit was destemmed. Bright ruby red colour. Classic Versino aromas with a lovely peppery overtone to the aromas. Ripe and supple on the palate, and a long finish dominated by the marvellous fruit quality. Drink 2019-2026.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge	£435.00
Cuvée des Félix	Per 6 magnums £453.00
	Per 1 double magnum £165.00

Produced from 90 year old vines – a blend of 65% Grenache, with the remainder made up of Mourvèdre, Counoise, Cinsault and Syrah. Very dark colour. Wonderful ripeness and texture on the palate. Complex and very long lasting – this is absolutely superb. Drink 2020-2028.

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

We are fortunate to have secured in recent years an allocation of the much sought-after Châteauneuf du Pape from Vieux Télégraphe – neighbours and cousins of the Gonnets at Font de Michelle (above). Daniel and Frederic Brunier have established themselves among the foremost winemakers of the southern Rhône valley, and their Gigondas is also outstanding.

Per Case In Bond

2015 Gigondas Racines

Per 6 bottles £96.00

Domaine Les Pallières

Situated relatively high up in the appellation. Seriously impressive. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

Per 6 bottles £97.50

Télégramme, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

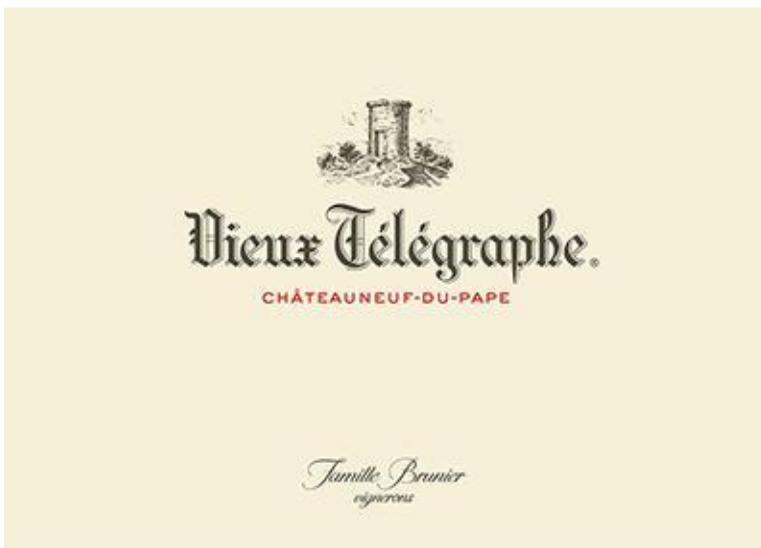
The 2nd wine of the property, which represents really fabulous value for money. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

Per 6 bottles £195.00

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Produced from old vines in the 'Crau' vineyard – widely regarded as some of the finest *terroir* of the appellation. Drink 2019-2026.



Terms & Conditions

All prices are quoted per case of 12 bottles (or per case of 6 bottles/6 magnums where stated) In Bond and therefore exclude duty (currently £25.01 per 12 bottles) and VAT.

The minimum order size is 12 bottles or equivalent.

For many of the wines, quantities available are extremely limited. All wines are offered subject to availability, and orders will be taken on a first come first served basis.

Orders with a value of £200 in bond or more will be delivered free of charge to any single UK mainland address. Orders below this value, or orders with multiple deliveries where individual deliveries carry a value below £200 in bond, will attract a delivery charge of £15 including VAT.

The wines will be shipped during the course of 2017, at which point you may either:

- a) have your wines delivered to your title under bond or
- b) have your wines delivered duty paid.

In Bond transfer fees and/or delivery as applicable, and duty and VAT at the prevailing rate on clearance from bond, must be settled by cheque, debit card or direct transfer (not credit card please, as these charges are passed on at cost) prior to transfer or delivery.

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