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OPENING OFFER OF 2016s FROM THE RHONE VALLEY



The bridge across the Rhône at Tain

If 2015 vintage was outstanding in the Northern Rhône and very good in the Southern Rhône, then the situation is reversed for 2016 vintage, which was widely described by growers in the South – Charvin in particular – as one of the best they had seen. And in the north, as one grower put it, “after 2015 vintage, when nature was particularly generous, 2016 offers us a beautiful winemaker vintage...”. 2016 certainly offers us a timely reminder that the two halves of the Rhône Valley are quite distinct, and often have sharply varying weather patterns. In the North, following an unusually mild winter, the growing season started early – so when there was a nasty hail storm on 17th April, significant damage was caused in Hermitage and Crozes vineyards.

Flowering took place in good conditions, but was followed by cooler and wetter weather than average in June and July, and some problems with mildew as a result. However, August was hot and early September even hotter, and totally dry – so rain was desperately needed to kick-start the ripening in mid-September. This fortunately arrived, and grapes were harvested in excellent condition and very good levels of ripeness.

In the South, the vintage is an outstanding one. As in the North, the winter was mild and the growing season began early. A cool and windy March held things nicely in check, and there was neither frost nor hail to cause any damage during the delicate months of March and April. The weather at the end of May and beginning of June was perfect for flowering – though some vineyards with more exposure to the Mistral suffered some *coulture*. Summer was hot, particularly late August and early September, with wide variation between the very hot days and the comparatively cool nights. The fruit ripened slowly and steadily, maintaining a particularly fine balance between aromatics, sugars and acidities. The little rain that fell just before the harvest provided a welcome break from the unusually dry summer, and helped bring the final burst of maturity. As Daniel Brunier of Vieux Télégraphe puts it: “the vintage is characterised by a superb balance of richness and freshness, and between high maturity and attractive acidity, which is fairly rare – very rare, even – in the southern Rhône Valley.”

Richard Berkley-Matthews
1st November 2017



The Rhône Valley

THE NORTHERN RHONE

Domaine du Colombier



The Viale family owns this domaine on the edge of Tain which grows apricots and cherries as well as grapes. It is run by brothers Florent and David and between them they have established its reputation as one of the finest sources of Crozes and of Hermitage. David told us that the growing season in 2016 was not without its difficulties – particularly the hail damage inflicted by the storm on 18th April. The whites were picked on 14th September, and the reds the following week, and the results are excellent – compared by David with 2007 vintage, with lots of fresh fruit character.

Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Crozes Hermitage Rouge **£141.00**
Super peppery fruit scents. Fine, pure and intense, lovely balance and length. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Crozes Hermitage Rouge Cuvée Gaby **£189.00**
Per 6 magnums **£210.00**

Layers of sweet, rich fruit on the palate, this is textured and ripe with gorgeous soft tannins. Drink 2019-2024.

Per Case In Bond

2016 Hermitage Rouge

£483.00

Per 6 magnums £498.00

Tremendous concentration. The wine is pure, precise and elegant, and also terrifically long and intense. Outstanding. Drink 2019-2027.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Crozes Hermitage Blanc Cuvée Gaby

£219.00

Mainly Marsanne, aged in one year old barrels. Incredible intensity, with scents close to Grand Cru quality. Generous fruit, supported by a chalky minerality. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Hermitage Blanc

Per 6 bottles

£279.00

Pure Marsanne aged for 18 months in large oak barrels. Our allocation is generally 24 or 36 bottles, so this is like gold dust. Huge creamy complexity and fabulous length. Drink 2017-2025.



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, Crozes 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 ripening process was thankfully unblocked by the overnight rain of 14th-15th September, and picking began during the week of 19th September.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£138.00

Au Beau Séjour

From a 1 hectare plot of vines in the commune of Pont de l'Isère. Soft, balanced and wonderfully ripe. Lovely soft tannins on the finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2016 Syrah L'Aube

£150.00

Vin de Pays des Collines Rhôdaniennes

From vines close to Les Royes, just outside the St Joseph appellation limit. Very attractive ripe fruit scents. Juicy and ripe on the palate – very charming and seductive. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 St Joseph Rouge **£168.00**
Fine and integrated, with excellent concentration. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 St Joseph Rouges Les Royes **£249.00**
A wine of serious complexity, bursting with raspberry and strawberry fruit character. Juicy and very long on the finish – one of their best ever from this appellation. Drink 2019-2023.

2016 Cornas Champelrose **£258.00**
Wonderful fruit, with superb structure. Complex and exceptionally long. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Cornas Les Eygats **£390.00**
Even more stunning than the Champelrose! Very fine tannins and tremendous balance and length. Drink 2020-2025.

2016 Cornas La Sabarotte **£510.00**
Built to last, with powerful structure and concentration. The wine will seriously repay those with the patience to wait. Drink 2022-2028.



2016 St Péray Le Tram**£144.00**

Pale lemon colour. Fine scents, complex and mineral on the palate, and a good long finish. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 St Joseph Blanc**£177.00**

Mainly Marsanne with 2.5% Roussanne, aged in barrel for 8 months prior to bottling. Lovely concentration, freshness and length. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 St Joseph Blanc Les Royes**£258.00**

Only 250 cases produced of this pure Marsanne, vinified in new oak. Stunning ripe peachy fruit with powerful mineral acidity giving exceptional freshness, balance and length. Drink 2018-2021.

Domaine Garon

I have known the Garons since they began bottling their own production with the 1995 vintage. Prior to that, they sold their wine in barrel to Guigal. Their sons Fabien, and Kévin (below), now effectively run the domaine from the winery and cellars which have been built to accommodate the new plantings – there are now 8.5 hectares of vines, though the newest will come into production only in 2019 or 2020. Although the domaine has grown considerably in size since the 1990s, it has lost none of the charm of the small family concern – Jean-François and Carmen working alongside their sons, and with an increasing brood of grandchildren joining in, especially at harvest time. Picking began on 26th September and continued into early October.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Côte Rôtie Les Triotes **Per 6 bottles** **£180.00**
(Côte Blonde)

The wine includes a portion of the production from Lancement. Very complex, fresh and precise with excellent ripeness and length. Superb as always. Drink 2019-2027.

2016 Côte Rôtie Les Rochins **Per 6 bottles** **£297.00**
(Côte Brune)

Serious concentration and depth here, this is a wine of vibrant vivacity and energy. Gorgeous hint of savoury and spice on the long finish. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Côte Rôtie Lancement **Per 6 bottles** **£459.00**

Only 4 barrels produced from these 30+ year old vines in the Côte Blonde, aged in 50% new wood. A wine of outstanding complexity and length. Drink 2020-2028.

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. Picking began with the whites on 22nd September.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Côte Rôtie Eminence

£345.00

5% Viognier is added to the Syrah for this cuvee. The wine exhibits lovely red fruit scents. Soft and ripe on the palate, it is full of strawberry style fruit. Well structured and with good balancing acidity. Drink 2019-2027.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Condrieu, Les Ravines

£297.00

From five separate parcels of vines, vinified in tank. Very pale lemon colour. Expressive floral aromas, and fabulous minerality and acidity on the palate. Intense, complex and wonderfully fresh. Drink 2018-2021.

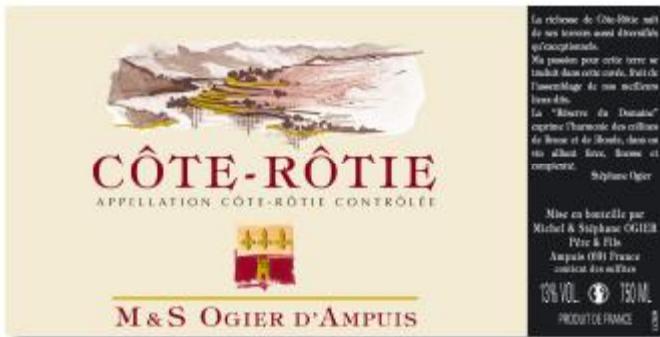
2016 Condrieu Chéry

£369.00

This has all the vivacity of the Ravines, with an additional layer of honeyed ripeness. Ripe and generous, and also very good lift which maintains the lively freshness of the wine. Superb. Drink 2018-2024.

Domaine M & S Ogier

Stéphane Ogier continues to amaze with his boundless energy and drive. Despite the harvest being in full swing, he gave us a good amount of time and a wonderfully comprehensive tasting of all the different component parts of his various Côte Rôtie cuvées. This domaine is undoubtedly a serious rising star, producing wines of the most outstanding quality. With no rainfall since 15th August, it was a relief to have heavy rain on 16th September to kick-start the ripening. Picking began on 27th September and finished as late as 17th October.



**2016 Le Temps Est Venu,
Côtes du Rhône****£87.00**

From vineyards around Plan de Dieu and Vizan in the southern Rhône, this is a blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. Deep colour; full, dark-fruit aromas; fine and juicy tannins. Big and delicious! Drink 2018-2021.

**2016 Syrah La Rosine,
Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes****£TBC**

Very fine fruit. Complex, fresh and ripe. Lovely fruit dominates the finish. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 Syrah L'Ame Soeur**£TBC**

From the slopes above Vienne, around Seyssuel, picked on 7th October. Pure and seductive on the palate. Drink 2020-2025.

2016 Côte Rôtie Village**£TBC**

A Côte Rôtie designed for relatively early drinking, this is dominated by its ripe fruit character and very fine structure. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Côte Rôtie Réserve**£TBC**

Intensely aromatic. Seriously complex, vibrant and long. Superb balance and length. Very fine indeed. Drink 2020-2027.



2016 Viognier de Rosine, £156.00
Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes
Pale lemon colour. Lovely floral aromas. Fine and mineral on the palate with good ripeness also, giving lovely balance to the finish. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Condrieu La Combe de Malleval £297.00
Generous and plump, and with a stunning core of citrus fruit. Superb. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 Condrieu Vieilles Vignes Per 6 bottles £249.00
Jacques Vernay
Stunning vibrancy and freshness, this is bursting with ripe peachy fruit. Great length. Drink 2019-2024.

Etienne Pochon

The self-effacing Etienne Pochon owns this estate centred on the Château de Curson. As well as 15 hectares of vineyards, there are also 20 hectares of hazelnuts! This is a fine source of high quality, mostly tank made, Crozes designed for easy and early drinking. Etienne's 2016 harvest was an abundant one despite the relatively complicated growing season. Picking of whites started on 14th September, with the reds following a few days later, after some much needed rain.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£114.00

Bright ruby colour. Lovely bouquet of soft red fruits. Concentrated, fine-grained and integrated. Drink 2018-2021.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Crozes Hermitage Blanc

£108.00

A blend of 60% Roussanne and 40% Marsanne. Pale straw gold colour. Fresh, citrusy and with lovely follow through. Drink 2018-2020.

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 – and probably on other occasions too. A new cellar has also been built to allow extra space for ageing, making working conditions much less space-restricted than before. Picking began on 22nd September, and continued on and off until 9th October. One of the most outstanding producers of Côte Rôtie, this domaine is entering a new and exciting chapter under Pierre's leadership.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Syrah Les Lézardes

£237.00

Produced partly from young vines planted near the village of St Cyr, south of Condrieu. Lovely purity of fruit – fresh, plump and ripe. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 Côte Rôtie Ampodium

£495.00

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. Very fine and elegant style. Supple on the palate, with lovely ripeness and length. Drink 2019-2026.

2016 Côte Rôtie La Landonne

£1,095.00

Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde

£1,200.00

Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Côte Rôtie Côte Brune

£TBA

Vines planted in 1999. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Côte Rôtie Viallères

£TBA

From 80 year old vines planted by Pierre’s maternal grandfather. Drink 2020-2028.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Viognier Les Lézardes

£237.00

Fabulous floral Viognier scents. Fine acidity gives citrus fruit overtones and wonderful balance. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Condrieu La Bonnette

£495.00

Powerfully mineral – great complexity and length. Drink 2018-2021.

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 of the whites began on 22nd September. Christophe then waited until after the much-needed rain, and picked the reds from 27th September, finishing on 7th October.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Côte Rôtie Per 6 bottles £183.00
Château de Montlys
Concentrated and generous with a lovely long finish. Drink 2019-2026.

2016 Côte Rôtie Lancement Per 6 bottles £348.00
Really vibrant and bursting with red fruit. Fine tannins, lovely balance and great length. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Côte Rôtie Per 6 bottles £348.00
Fleur de Montlys
10% Viognier is added to the Syrah, and the wine is aged entirely in new oak. There is so much intensity and precision on the palate, with huge complexity on the finish, that the wood is barely noticeable. Drink 2020-2028.

Per Case In Bond

**2016 Côte Rôtie
Elixir d'Ariane
Drink 2021-2031.**

Per 6 bottles

£960.00

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Condrieu, Lys d'Or

Per 6 bottles

£180.00

Straw gold colour. Ripe, rich and plump – a broad and succulent style of Condrieu. Drink 2018-2021.



Domaine Pierre-Jean Villa

After a gap of three or four years we have returned to the irrepressible Pierre-Jean Villa – who first came to our attention when he was the winemaker and one of the four partners behind Les Vins de Vienne. He began his domaine with just 3.5 hectares of vines, but has increased its size steadily and now has 12 hectares. Even more excitingly for the future, he has just purchased a further 10 hectares from which he will begin to make wine with the 2017 vintage. Pierre- Jean is a brilliant winemaker, and demand for these wines is growing steadily as his reputation spreads. In 2016 vintage, there are just two wines available to us. More next year!



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 St Joseph Rouge Préface Per 6 bottles **£114.00**

Vines range from 30 to 80 years old. 70% of the fruit is destemmed.

Lovely northern-Rhône granite scents. Full of stunning red fruit. Fine tannins and very good length. Drink 2020-2024.

2016 Côte Rôtie Carmina Per 6 bottles **£210.00**

50+ year old vines in the Côte Brune have produced a wine of exceptional complexity and length. Drink 2020-2025.

Domaine Vogé

Alain Vogé 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: where plenty of wine was available to us in the early days, we now find the allocations getting smaller every year as the renown of the wines spreads.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Côtes du Rhône Syrah Les Peyrouses **£138.00**
Succulent and ripe cherry fruit style. Lovely soft finish. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 St Joseph Les Côtes **£258.00**
A wonderful hint of juniper on the finish gives this an extra dimension of complexity. Drink 2019-2023.

2016 Cornas Les Chailles **£330.00**
Fresh and vibrant with really fine balance. Supple and fine-grained on the palate; long and pure on the finish. Drink 2020-2024.

2016 Cornas Les Vieilles Vignes **£474.00**
Very dark ruby purple, intensely aromatic, and thickly textured on the palate. Drink 2020-2025.

2016 Cornas les Vieilles Fontaines **£TBC**
Drink 2021-2027.

White Wines

2016 St Péray Harmonie

£186.00

Really intense ripe citrus aromas. Fresh, fine and long. Alas, only 5 cases available to us this year. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 St Péray Ongrie

£255.00

Pure Marsanne, the cuvee formerly known as Terres Boisées. Again, only 5 cases available of this intense and complex wine. Drink 2018-2021.



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 19th September.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse **£52.00**
Bursting with ripe fruit. Fine tannins give good structure, and there is lovely weight and balance on the finish. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 Vin de Pays Principauté d'Orange **£52.00**
Textured and ripe, with really lovely fruit. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 Côtes du Rhône

£63.00

Seductive, soft, ripe and integrated, this is a really attractive Côtes du Rhône. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Cairanne

£84.00

Intense aromas. Superb fruit on the palate. Well structured with soft, ripe tannins. Lovely length of flavour. Drink 2019-2023.

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 ageing in large oak *foudres* – two of which have been replaced, with the remainder more than 50 years old. Yields in 2016 were low – only 26 hectolitres per hectare – thanks to the Mistral which blew during flowering. Picking began during the week of 19th September.



2016 Gigondas

£198.00

Lovely intense wild fruit aromas, particularly reminiscent of blackberries. Ripe and juicy on the palate, great concentration, and very good rounded tannins on the long finish. Drink 2019-2024.

Domaine Charvin

Laurent Charvin is a bundle of energy, always on the go and full of passion for his craft. His Côtes du Rhône is one of the southern Rhône's best kept secrets: while he has become one of the most famous of the region's small producers, with a reputation for quality established by his outstanding Châteauneuf, there is outstanding value to be found in his Côtes du Rhône, from old vines which make up more than half the domaine's 23 hectares. Picking began with some of the earlier ripening plots of Syrah on 7th September and Laurent said the fruit was looking magnificent, with great ripeness and good quantity. He finished picking by 23rd September.



2016 Côtes du Rhône Rouge £120.00

Per 6 magnums £135.00

Very dark red colour. Fabulous fruit aromas. Ripe and generous on the palate. Lovely freshness too, fine tannins, and a long finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge £369.00

Per 6 magnums £384.00

85% of the blend is Grenache, with the remainder Syrah, Mourvèdre and Vaccarèse. This is very big this year – immense concentration and power, gorgeous softness, and incredible length. Drink 2020-2029.

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. When we visited on 14th September, Josephine told us that they were delaying the start of the harvest until the following week as the forecast was good, and the vineyards were in perfect shape.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Mas Arnaud, Côtes du Rhône £63.00
A blend of Syrah and Grenache (50/50). Drink 2018-2020.

2016 Château Courac, Côtes du Rhône £69.00
Drink 2016-2021.

2016 Laudun, Côtes du Rhône Villages £84.00
Drink 2018-2022.

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. Whites were picked during the week of 5th September, and reds the following week. Everything was finished by 23rd September.



2016 Ventoux La Jeannette, Famille Gonnet £66.00
80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. Tremendously good value. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 Côtes du Rhône Rouge Villages Signargues, Notre Passion, La Font du Vent, Famille Gonnet £84.00
A blend of 65% Grenache and 35% Syrah. Really lovely ripe aromas – the fruit springs out of the glass. Ripe, fresh, and full of delicious blackberry fruit. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Vacqueyras La Joséphine, Famille Gonnet £150.00
90% Grenache and 10% Syrah. Drink 2019-2023.

2016 Gigondas L’Olivia, Famille Gonnet £177.00
Drink 2020-2025.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Domaine Font de Michelle £249.00
Masses of red fruit. Great length. A Châteauneuf of outstanding quality. Drink 2019-2025.



2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £438.00

Cuvée Etienne Gonnet, Domaine Font de Michelle

65% Grenache (100 year old vines), 20% Syrah and 15% Mourvèdre (90 year old vines). Complex, fine and with absolutely stunning fruit quality. Long, ripe and fresh on the finish. Superb. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £489.00

Le Bois Pointu, Blagden & Gonnet

80% Grenache, 12% Counoise and 8% Mourvèdre, from vines owned by the increasingly highly regarded English *viticulteur* Charles Blagden. Clear ruby colour. Very fine peppery red fruit aromas. Complex, ripe and balanced on the palate with fine tannins and terrific length. It may be easily said, but this is seriously worth the money. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £525.00

Elégance de Jeanne

From a single parcel of vines in Le Crau, of which 95% is Grenache. A wine of exceptional complexity. Drink 2019-2027.



Charles Blagden in his trademark 'bleu de travail'

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Domaine Font de Michelle

£246.00

A blend of Grenche Blanc (45%), Clairette and Roussanne (25% each) and 5% Bourboulenc. Ripe and intense, with lovely overtones of vanilla. Drink 2018-2021.

Famille Perrin

As well as the great Château de Beaucastel (established in 1685) – 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.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Cairanne, Peyre Blanche

£87.00

A blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah 15 hectares of vines. Stunning scents, full of ripe fruit. Generous, supple and ripe on the palate. Most attractive. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Vinsobres Les Cornuds **£87.00**

A blend of 50/50 Syrah and Grenache from 80 hectares of vines. Pretty floral and red fruit scents. Lovely bramble character on the palate. Long and delicious on the finish. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Gigondas La Gille **£159.00**

A blend of Grenache (80%) and Syrah (20%). Very deep colour. Ripe damson and plum fruit. Concentrated and weighty on the palate, but with lovely finesse too. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Gigondas Clos des Tourelles Per 6 bottles **£145.00**

From a single plot of 3 hectares, 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah. 20% of the wine is aged in new oak. Wonderful scents. Huge weight of dark fruit on the palate. Complex, very long, great balance. Superb spiciness on the finish. Drink 2020-2026.

2016 Coudoulet de Beaucastel Rouge, **£159.00**
Côtes du Rhône

30% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah and 20% Cinsault. Wonderful fruit, ripe and juicy. Long, very well balanced finish. A really great Coudoulet this year. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Per 6 bottles **£240.00**

Château de Beaucastel Per 6 magnums **£480.00**

Impenetrable colour. Seductive, powerful and integrated. Tremendous potential. Drink 2021-2032.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Per 6 bottles **£240.00**

Château de Beaucastel

80% Roussanne, and 30% vinified in oak. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Roussanne Vieilles Vignes, Per 3 bottles **£220.00**

Château de Beaucastel

85-105 year old vines. 50% aged in oak. Drink 2018-2023.

Domaine Jean-Paul Versino

The fabulous and characterful wines of Jean-Paul Versino have been somewhere overlooked in recent years, as focus has switched to other producers. A pity, as these wines really are fabulous, embodying the very best of the traditional style. The estate is small – 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. Picking began on 5th September with the whites and the reds followed from 10th, finishing on 1st October.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge £240.00

Per 6 magnums £255.00

70% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah and 10% of other varieties.

Delicious ripe red fruit character, supple tannins, long and generous on the finish. Stunning. Drink 2020-2027.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge £465.00

Cuvée des Félix Per 6 magnums £480.00

Produced from 90 year old vines – a blend of 65% Grenache, 25%

Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah and 5% of other varieties. There is a sweetness and generosity on the palate which is seriously seductive. Totally ripe and integrated tannins on the long finish. Drink 2021-2029.

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. Their “second wine” (Télégramme) offers exceptional value, and their Gigondas is also outstanding.

Per Case In Bond

2016 Gigondas Racines

Per 6 bottles £95.00

Domaine Les Pallières

Described by Daniel Brunier as saline and fresh on the nose; and rich, subtle and mouth-watering on the palate. Gorgeous long finish. Drink 2020-2026.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

Per 6 bottles £111.00

Télégramme, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

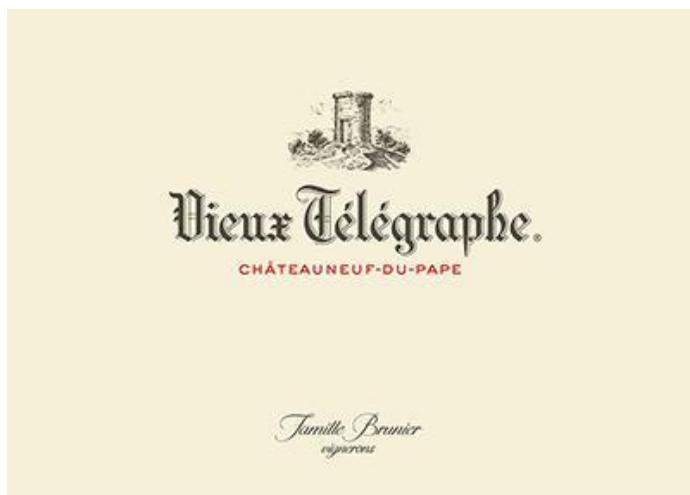
Fresh and lush with a bouquet of red berry fruits. Very attractive ripeness on the palate, with lovely generous soft fruit. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

Per 6 bottles £219.00

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Produced from old vines in the ‘Crau’ vineyard – widely regarded as some of the finest *terroir* of the appellation. Drink 2020-2027.



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 £25.98 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 2018, 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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