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OPENING OFFER OF 2024s FROM THE RHONE VALLEY



The bridge across the Rhône at Tain

The growing season in both the north and the south was not an easy one in 2024; on that, all growers agree. There is also wide agreement that the conditions would have been considered broadly normal in the not-so-distant past, and that the wines which have been produced are beautifully classic in style. This may be a somewhat overused word, but when applied to 2024s from the Rhône Valley, it should be taken at face value – and to mean wines of precision, freshness, typicity and elegance, with more modest alcohols than has often been the case in recent years.

Winter 2025-2026 was relatively mild, apart from some early morning frosts, and with above-average rainfall. The difficulties began in the spring, when the rain continued to fall. Although this ensured good reserves of water for the summer, it caused galloping mildew in the vines, requiring far more regular treatments than would usually be the case. The cool and wet weather continued throughout May and into the first half of June, with the result that the flowering was hit by *coulure* (a failure of the fruit to set). All this meant a significantly reduced crop.

July began cool and windy – but finally relatively rain-free and, from the middle of the month, temperatures began to pick up. Summer weather was good: bright and dry, without excessive heat (particularly in the northern Rhône) and, thanks to the wet winter and spring, the vines did not struggle for water. In addition, there was a little rain at the end of August and in early September.

Picking took place in mainly good conditions, and the fruit that was brought in was ripe (both in terms of sugar and phenolics) and healthy. Vinifications were straightforward and the purity of expression of the wines is there for all to see. They are balanced, fine and to be commended for their silky textures in the reds, and citrus minerality in the whites.

Richard Berkley-Matthews,
4th March 2026.



Côte Rôtie from the top of the hill

THE NORTHERN RHONE

Domaine Burgaud

Bernard Burgaud planted the bulk of the vines at this domaine in the 1980s, spread across 5 hectares and several different parcels. His son Pierre took over the running of the domaine in 2020. All the fruit is destemmed, and the alcoholic fermentation takes place in cement tanks. The malolactic fermentation is done in barrel, and the wine is aged in oak for 14 months prior to bottling. Picking began on 20th September and the yield was about 40 hectolitres per hectare. Until comparatively recently, the growing season would have been considered entirely normal.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Côte Rôtie

Per 6 bottles £240.00

Per 3 magnums £249.00

Deep ruby red. Attractive and fresh aromas. Juicy and ripe on the palate, with really fine-grained tannins and long, lingering red fruits on the finish. Drink 2027-2035.

Domaine du Colombier



Florent Viale and his brother David are the third generation to run this family domaine of just over 13 hectares, with cellars on the edge of Tain. They have been bottling their production since 1992, prior to which everything was sold in bulk to the large regional *négociants*. As well as vineyards, the Viales grow apricots and cherries – so their credentials as fruit farmers are well established. The domaine has long been regarded as one of the finest sources of Crozes and of Hermitage – both red and white. After what Florent called ‘a very complicated spring’ the growing season became much more regular from mid July. The fruit was healthy and the tannins fine and silky.

Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£198.00

For the first time, the ‘straight’ Crozes is aged in *foudres*. At about €25,000 each, they represent a hefty investment. The wine is beautiful: fleshy, ripe, soft and fine. Drink 2026-2029.

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Rouge Cuvée Gaby £279.00

Per 6 magnums £300.00

Only 35% of the crop was destemmed. Very dark ruby. Pepper and spice on the nose. Intense concentration on the palate. Good weight and length on the finish. Drink 2027-2032.

2024 Hermitage Rouge **Per 6 bottles** £291.00

Per 6 magnums £579.00

A wine of huge depth and concentration, whilst preserving incredible freshness and precision. Long, pure and fine-grained, this is an outstanding Hermitage. Drink 2027-2036.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Blanc £198.00

Lovely plush apricot fruit; fresh, lively and long. Really delicious. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 Crozes Hermitage Blanc Cuvée Gaby £279.00

Pale lemon gold. Floral and aromatic. Intense, citrus and mineral complexity to the palate. Great length. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 Hermitage Blanc **Per 6 bottles** £291.00

Mostly Marsanne, with about 10% Roussanne. Lovely green-gold colour. Intense, mineral and complex with stunning freshness and length. Very fine indeed. Drink 2026-2033.



Domaine Courbis

A 35 hectare family domaine which traces its origins to the 16th century, but with modern winery and cellars in Châteaubourg, south of Tournon. Today it is run by brothers Laurent and Dominique Courbis, who seem to take the wines to new heights of quality with each successive vintage. The domaine produces Cornas, Crozes, St Joseph and St Péray 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. Mildew caused difficulties, affecting the Roussanne particularly badly (hence there is no single-variety Roussanne this year). Picking began in the middle of September.



Dominique (left) and Laurent Courbis

Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Syrah L'Aube

£180.00

Vin de Pays des Collines Rhôdaniennes

From vines close to Les Royes, just outside the St Joseph appellation limit. Very deep ruby red. Spicy fruit scents. A palate of fresh red fruit, supported by fine tannins. Drink 2026-2030.

2024 St Joseph Rouge **£225.00**

Pretty plump red fruit. Lovely purity on the palate. Fine and well balanced finish. Drink 2026-2031.

2024 St Joseph Rouge Les Royes **£327.00**

A greater level of complexity and texture here. Also very fine-grained and long. Drink 2027-2033.

2024 St Joseph Rouge La Cotte Sud **£396.00**

Powerful and intensely structured, with perhaps less charm than the Royes, though considerable concentration and weight. Drink 2027-2033.

2024 Cornas Champelrose **£315.00**

Fresh, fine and seriously complex. Full of seductive red fruit. Very well balanced, fine and long on the finish. Superb. Drink 2027-2033.

2024 Cornas Les Eygats **£474.00**

Especially attractive red fruit scents. Integrated and fine tannins in the mouth. Pure, fresh and long. Drink 2028-2035.

2024 Cornas La Sabarotte **£597.00**

Concentrated layers of dark red fruit. Huge intensity on the palate, with a powerful structure and perfect balance. Tremendous length of flavour. Drink 2029-2037.



2024 Viognier Ardèche**£138.00**

From vines planted in 2011. Clean, fresh and bright aromas then ripe and generous on the palate. Lovely floral character. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 Marsanne Ardèche**£138.00**

Vines planted in 2020. Most attractive aromas. Citrus and vibrant on the palate. A great combination of fleshiness and minerality. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 St Péray Le Tram**£189.00**

Only 10% Roussanne this year, when it would usually be 40-50%. Pale lemon gold. Pretty lemon blossom aromas. Complex, mineral and long. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 St Joseph Blanc**£219.00**

Hugely intense lime fruit here. An especially attractive St Joseph. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 St Joseph Blanc Les Royes**£336.00**

Pure Marsanne, and almost entirely in new oak. Toasty, layered and complex. Succulent fruit. Very long, fresh finish. Drink 2026-2030.



Delas Frères

Originally called Audibert & Delas, the company was founded by Charles Audibert and Philippe Delas in 1835. In 1924, when it was taken over by brothers Henri and Florentin Delas, it was renamed Delas Frères. In 1960, the company was taken over by Michel Delas who considerably expanded its vineyard holdings. Significant changes began when Champagne Deutz bought into the company in 1977 and production was moved to a winery in St Jean de Muzols, and further in 1993 when the Rouzaud family (owners of Louis Roederer) bought Deutz and Delas. Jacques Grange, the winemaker, arrived in 1997, and additional vineyards were purchased in 2006. In 2015, premises were purchased in Tain, and an extraordinary new winery has been built. The scale of this investment demonstrates the commitment of the Rouzaud family, and the ambition to take Delas to new heights of quality. Crozes vineyards suffered some hail damage on 27th July – but overall, the Delas team is very happy with what they described as a very fine vintage. Picking began in the first week of September with the whites, and the second week with the reds. We take the opportunity to re-offer the 2023s. 2024s will be released in Spring 2027.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2023 Crozes Hermitage Rouge Les Grands Chemins

Per 6 bottles £159.00

Classic northern Rhône Syrah aromas. Attractive red fruit character supported by fine tannins. Drink 2025-2029.

2023 St Joseph Rouge, François de Tournon

Per 6 bottles £198.00

Mostly from vines near St Jean de Muzols, with some from St Pierre de Boeuf. Dense, concentrated and structured. Lovely texture and length. Drink 2026-2030.

2023 Cornas Chante Perdrix

Per 6 bottles £264.00

Really pure and fine, with just the faintest hint of oak. Full of ripe, gentle fruit; very long and full-bodied on the finish. Drink 2026-2032.

2023 Hermitage Rouge Domaine des Tourettes

Per 6 bottles £369.00

From the highest plot on the hill of Hermitage, and aged 30% in new oak. Very impressive, with fabulous fruit and supple tannins. Long, generous and ripe on the finish. Drink 2026-2034.

2023 Côte Rôtie Seigneur de Maugiron

Per 6 bottles £390.00

Dense, powerful and with layers of ripe fruit. Complex, ripe and integrated on the long finish. Drink 2027-2035.

2023 Hermitage Rouges Les Bessards

Per 6 bottles £870.00

The flagship of the House, this is a big wine – dense, concentrated and powerful. Its huge weight of fruit is supported by super-ripe and integrated tannins. Great wine. Drink 2027-2036.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2023 Condrieu, Clos Boucher

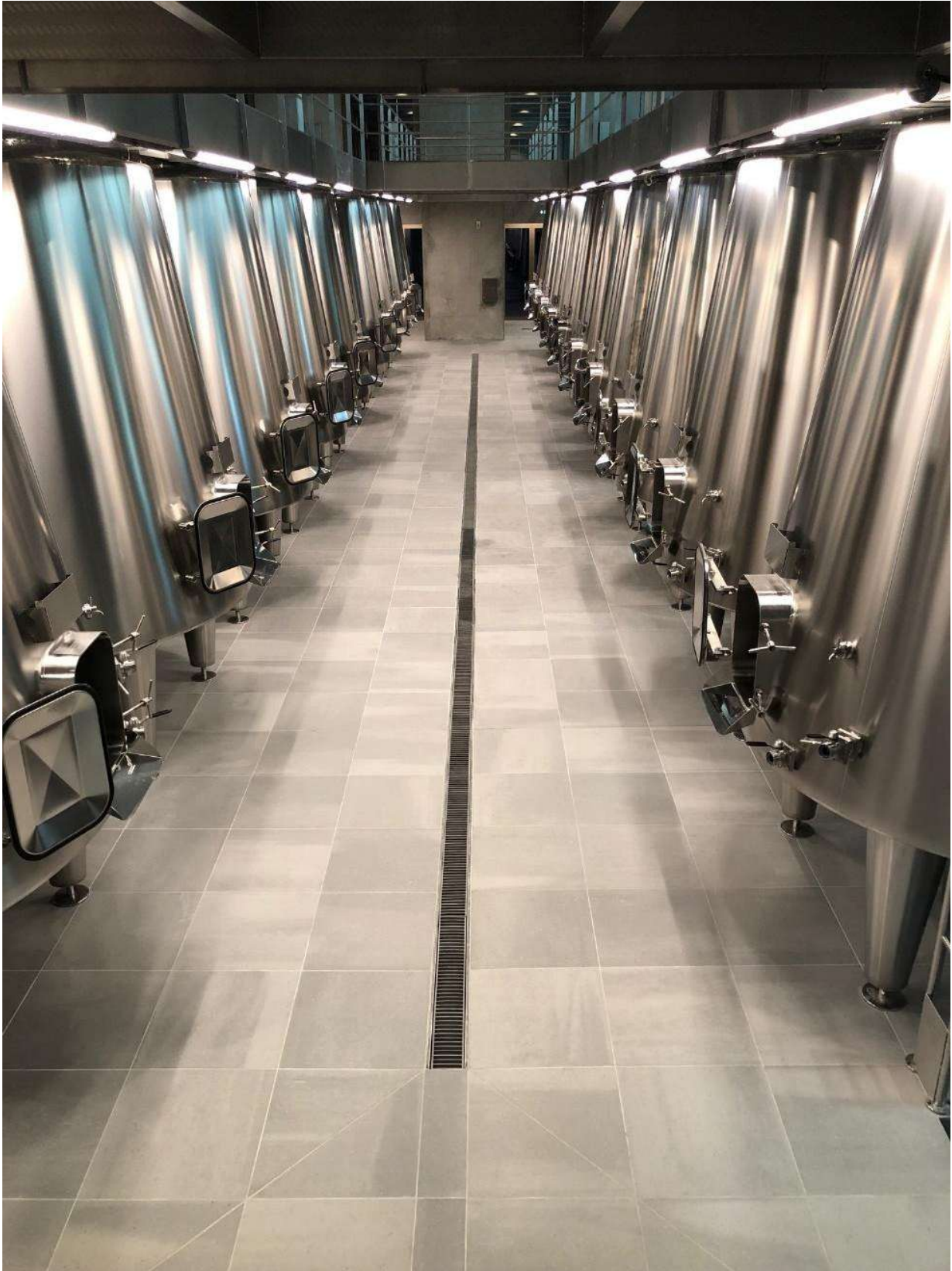
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From vines still owned by the Delas family, next to Château Grillet. Plump and floral, with a seductive touch of honey on the palate. Drink 2025-2029.

2023 Hermitage Blanc
Domaine des Tourettes

Per 6 bottles £489.00

98% Marsanne, 2% Roussanne, vinified 50/50 in new and one year old barrels. Mineral, complex and fine. Superb concentration also, and a very long-lasting and complex finish. Drink 2025-2032.



Domaine Garon

Carmen and Jean-François Garon began bottling their own production with the 1995 vintage – prior to that, everything they made from their 2 hectares of vines was sold in barrel to Guigal. From these small beginnings, one of the outstanding domaines of Ampuis has developed: the family now owns almost 16 hectares, with a further 5 hectares which are leased, and a winery to match. They have achieved this by the generations working together as a real team. The domaine is now run by their sons Fabien and Kévin (below left and right), with the next generation rapidly becoming involved. Kévin described the vintage as ‘pretty and fresh’. About 20% of the whites were hit by mildew but very little red. Picking began on 20th September, and finished with the Cornas on 10th October.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Rouge	Per 6 bottles	£117.00
Around the Rhône		

Supple and juicy red fruit character. Classic, fresh and nicely complex on the palate and finish. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 St Joseph Rouge Agricola	Per 6 bottles	£138.00
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Intense, ripe and complex. Fine and beautifully integrated tannins. Drink 2027-2031.

2024 Cornas **Per 6 bottles** **£216.00**

The last fruit to be picked. Very dark colour, intense fruit aromas and flavours. A long, concentrated finish. Drink 2027-2033.

2024 Côte Rôtie Sybarine **Per 6 bottles** **£237.00**

Fine, pure and really charming. A beautifully silky Côte Rôtie. Drink 2027-2033.

2024 Côte Rôtie La Triote **Per 6 bottles** **£297.00**
(Côte Blonde)

Very dark ruby red. Fresh red fruit scents. Concentrated, dense and complex on the palate. Very long and totally without aggression despite the considerable concentration. Drink 2027-2035.

2024 Côte Rôtie Le Combard **Per 6 bottles** **£390.00**
(Côte Blonde)

From vines planted in 2000. Bigger and more structured than the Triote. Hugely long-lasting on the palate. Drink 2028-2036.



2024 Côte Rôtie Les Rochins **Per 6 bottles** **£489.00**
(Côte Brune)

Incredible depth and richness, also beautiful elegance and finesse. Just the most lovely fruit. Drink 2028-2036.

2024 Côte Rôtie Lancement **Per 6 bottles** **£774.00**

Huge texture and complexity. Very long, and perfectly integrated. Drink 2029-2038.

White Wines

2024 Viognier, **Per 6 bottles** **£99.00**
Les Grandes Parcelles

Aged in oak, none of it new, but all previously used for the Condrieu. Full of floral Viognier character. Floral, succulent fruit, long finish. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 St Joseph Blanc Agricolis **Per 6 bottles** **£138.00**

A pretty St Joseph, with nice granite minerality and precision. But a little overshadowed by the St Péray. Drink 2026-2030.

2024 St Péray Amadelphe **Per 6 bottles** **£141.00**

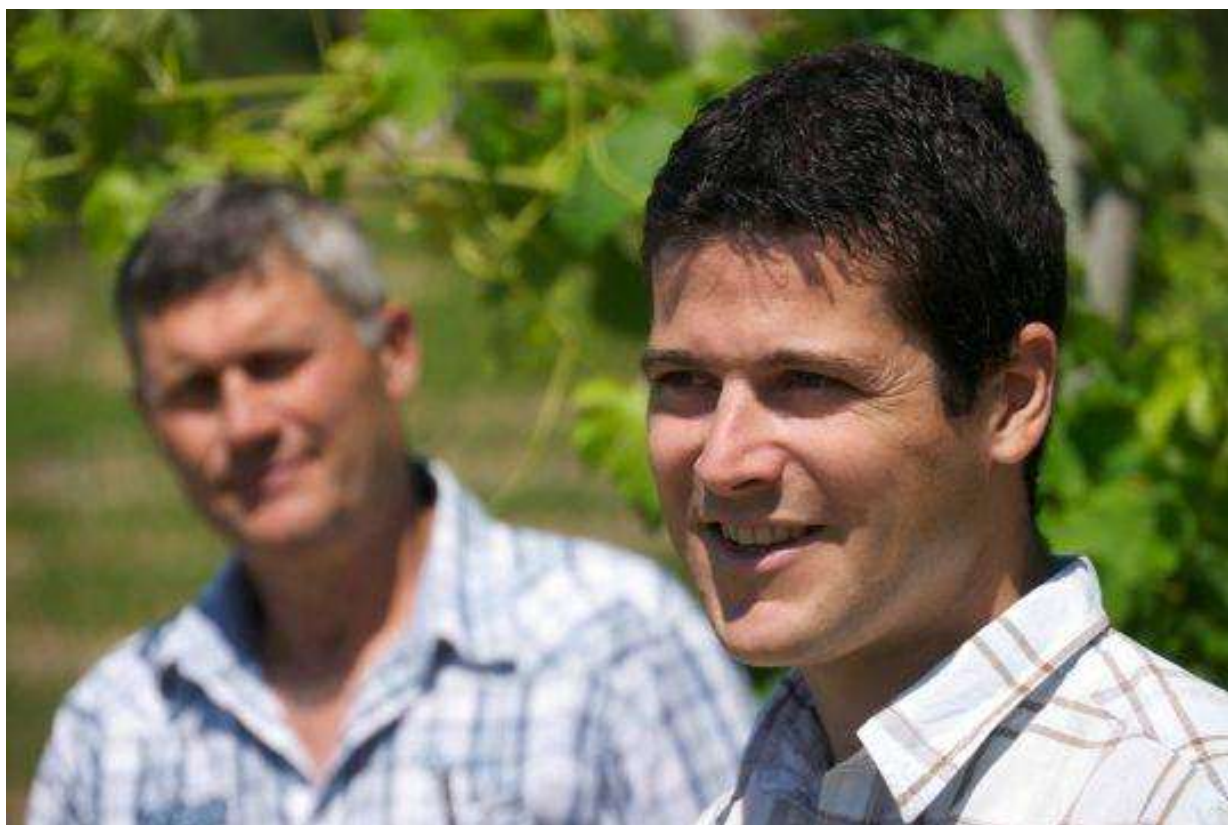
80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, 10 months in wood of which 10% was new. Pale, citrus, intense and vibrant. Superb. Drink 2026-2030.

2024 Condrieu La Vieille Maison **Per 6 bottles** **£198.00**

Also 10% new wood. Very pale straw gold colour. Intense floral bouquet. Splendid fruit on the palate: ripe and generous, and also firm, fresh and very long. Drink 2026-2031.

Domaine Niero

This domaine, now with 7 hectares, 4 of them in Condrieu, was established in 1973 by Jean Pinchon, who was succeeded by his son-in-law, Robert Niero, in 1985. In 2004 Robert's son Rémi began working at the domaine, and he is now fully in charge, though Robert remains involved. When not looking after the vineyards and making his wine, Rémi manages a company which manufactures winemaking equipment. He is assisted at the domaine by his technical manager Alexandre Laroa, and by Adrien Encontre who looks after the business side of the domaine. 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. Adrien reported a tough growing season, with quite a lot of fruit lost to mildew and rot thanks to the rain. Picking took place in the second half of September, and yields were between 25 and 30 hectolitres per hectare.



Robert and Rémi Niero

Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Rouge	Per 6 bottles	£153.00
Vie Magne		

Very deep ruby colour, and lovely red fruit scents. Generous and ripe on the palate with fine tannins and nice red fruits on the finish. Drink 2026-2030.

Per Case In Bond

2024 Côte Rôtie Eminence

Per 6 bottles

£273.00

From two parcels of vines. The wine spends 15 months in barrel, 20% new oak. Aromatic pepper and spice scents. Intense dark fruit and ripe, dusty tannings. Lovely long and intense finish. Drink 2027-2035.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Marsanne Eclat

Per 6 bottles

£93.00

Bright lemon gold. Citrus, fresh and vibrant. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 Viognier A L'Origine

Per 6 bottles

£108.00

Pretty floral scents. Lovely lemony freshness and length. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 Condrieu, Les Ravines

Per 6 bottles

£234.00

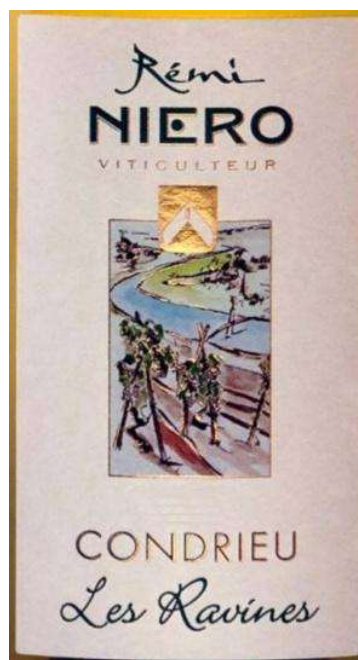
60% tank and 40% barrel fermented (2 and 3 year old barrels only – no new wood). Clean, fresh and vibrant, with fine mineral flavours. A really lovely, expressive Condrieu. Drink 2026-2030.

2024 Condrieu Roncharde

Per 6 bottles

£264.00

20% of the oak is new in this cuvée. Really attractive toasty aromas. Saline, fine and complex on the palate. Superb balance and length. Drink 2026-2031.



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. Picking began on 9th September. Etienne's vines were unaffected by mildew and produced an abundant crop of just over 40 hectolitres per hectare.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Rouge

£175.00

Very dark ruby red. Ripe, dark and concentrated on the palate. Supple tannings and good freshness. Long, supple finish. Drink 2026-2029.

White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Crozes Hermitage Blanc

£175.00

A blend of 60% Roussanne and 40% Marsanne, bottled without malolactic fermentation to preserve the freshness. Very pale lemon colour. Attractive citrus scents. Intense and lively on the palate with excellent balance and length. Drink 2026-2028.

Domaine René Rostaing

René's first cuvée of Côte Rôtie was made in 1971, when he had just 1.5 hectares of vines (part in the Côte Blonde and part in La Landonne). Over the years, René took over the vineyards of his father-in-law (Albert Dervieux) and his uncle (Marius Gentaz) and also made some purchases – so the domaine, today run by his son Pierre, now extends to 7 hectares in Côte Rôtie and 1 hectare in Condrieu. A new cellar has been dug to provide much needed additional space and, under Pierre's direction, this great estate goes from strength to strength. Coping with the challenges of the 24 growing season was helped by building on the experiences of the previous year. Picking began on 16th September and finished on 30th September after a brief interruption for rain.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Syrah Les Lézardes

£249.00

Produced partly from young vines planted near the village of St Cyr, south of Condrieu. Superb peppery Syrah. Drink 2027-2030

2024 Côte Rôtie Ampodium

Per 6 bottles £270.00

The fruit for this cuvée comes from 24 different parcels of vines. Dark ruby red. Lovely bitter cherry aromas. The tannins are exceptionally fine and coated with fruit. A really excellent Ampodium. Drink 2027-2034.

2024 Côte Rôtie La Viaillère

Per 6 bottles £450.00

Dense and textured with terrific concentration and length. Drink 2028-2035.

2024 Côte Rôtie La Landonne

Per 6 bottles £534.00

Powerfully extracted, with masses of concentrated dark fruit. Complex and beautifully rounded on the long finish. Drink 2028-2036.

2024 Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde

Per 6 bottles £594.00

Very impressive wine with lots of concentration and ripeness. Long and perfectly balanced finish. Drink 2030-2039.

2024 Côte Rôtie Côte Brune

Per 6 bottles £900.00

From vines planted in 1999. Very seductive aromas. Fresh, textured, complex and balanced. Outstanding. Drink 2029-2038.



White Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Condrieu La Bonnette

Per 6 bottles £270.00

Very pale lemon colour. Huge intensity on the nose. Fleishy and ripe with lovely mineral freshness. Very seductive. Drink 2026-2029.

Domaine Voge

The Voge domaine was established by Henri Voges who settled in Cornas in what is today the domaine's cuverie, but it was his great-grandson Alain who was really responsible for establishing it as one of the finest addresses in Cornas. Alain joined his father at what was still a small family domaine, in 1958. As a young man he worked on the farm – and while others were tasked with cutting hay and the like, Alain was given responsibility for looking after the vines. During the tough years of the 1960s and 1970s, when many decided to sell their vineyards, Alain remained convinced of their long-term future; over the years he was able to increase his holdings to 12 hectares, establishing the domaine as one of the finest producers in Cornas. Today the domaine is run by Lionel Fraisse, building on the legacy both of the late Alain, and of Alain's right-hand man Albéric Mazoyer, now retired. Picking began on 8th September in St Péray and, after a break, finished on 30th September. Production was significantly lower than normal thanks to the effects of mildew.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 St Joseph Les Côtes

£369.00

From 1 hectare of vines about 1km south of Mauves. Balanced, fine and complex. Drink 2027-2031.

2024 Cornas Les Chailles

£396.00

From deep fertile soils on the lower slopes of the hillside. 100% destemmed and 18 months in old oak. Dense ruby colour. Ripe red fruit aromas. Fine, long and fresh. Drink 2028-2032.

2024 Cornas Les Vieilles Vignes **Per 6 bottles £297.00**

Further up the slope and grown on very meagre soils. Vines are between 55 and 65 years old. 20% of the crop was left as whole bunches, and 10% of the barrels were new. Super-intense and complex aromas. Fresh, pure and really expressive on the palate. Fine and integrated tannins. Drink 2028-2033.

2024 Cornas Chapelle St Pierre **Per 6 bottles £348.00**

From a ½ hectare plot of 30 year old vines, this was the last fruit to be picked. No new oak here. Vibrant and fresh with lovely crunchy red fruit. Long and powerful finish. Drink 2028-2033.

White Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 St Péray Harmonie **Per 6 bottles £147.00**

100% Marsanne, 30 year old vines, and tank fermented. Bottled after 6 months ageing on the lees (in concrete tanks). Pale lemon gold. Attractive floral scents, and lovely pineapple fruit on the palate. Fresh and long. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 St Péray Ongrie **Per 6 bottles £195.00**

Produced from 50 year old Marsanne at the bottom of the slope, near the river. All oak fermented, half in *barriques* half in *demi-muids* (15% new oak), and 13 months on the lees in barrel prior to bottling. Limpid gold. Gorgeous toast and bacon fat aromas. On the palate the wine is fresh, mineral, intense and with a lovely peachy overtone to the fruit. Long and complex finish. Drink 2026-2029.

2024 St Péray Fleur de Crusol **Per 6 bottles £225.00**

80 year old Marsanne vines from the more granite-dominated soils at the top of the slope. All barrel fermented (20% new) and 17 months of barrel ageing prior to bottling. Great purity and focus, with superb complexity, balance and weight. A wine of elegance, finesse, freshness and length. Drink 2026-2031.

2022 Les Bulles d'Alain, St Péray

Per 6 bottles £156.00

“Alain’s bubbles”... Sparkling wine production began in St Péray in 1825 and for long dominated. Today there are only 6 producers working on 11 hectares. 100% Marsanne, aged on its lees for four years prior to disgorgement. Very pale lemon colour and a lovely fine mousse. Delicious floral fruit, and a long, fresh finish. Drink 2026-2028.



THE SOUTHERN RHONE

Domaine du Cayron

Michel Faraud's daughters Delphine, Cendrine and Roseline produce just one wine from their 14 hectares of vines – a Gigondas of outstanding personality. The winery has been gently modernised in recent years: the old vertical press has been replaced by an up-to-date pneumatic press, and the ancient large oak foudres are gradually being renewed – but one at a time to ensure that there is no hint of new oak in the wine. 25% of the crop is destemmed. There was minimal loss to mildew. Picking began on 15th September and yields were at 25 hectolitres per hectare.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Gigondas	£240.00
Per 6 magnums	£255.00
Per 1 double magnum	£95.00

About 70% of the blend is Grenache, with the rest made up of Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvèdre. Very dark ruby, and attractive red fruit scents. Perfectly ripe and integrated on the palate with silky tannin structure and a long, fruit-dominated finish. Drink 2026-2032.

Domaine Charvin

Laurent Charvin seems to take the wines of this 23 hectare estate to a new level each year. He combines enormous energy with unshakable self-belief and also articulates brilliantly what it is that he believes to lie behind the success of any particular vintage. While his Châteauneuf is among the finest of the appellation, his Côtes du Rhône must be one of the best value red wines of the southern Rhône – truly brilliant winemaking at an extraordinarily reasonable price. There was some hail damage early in the growing season, and the yields suffered a little (30 hl/ha for the Côtes du Rhône and 25 hl/ha for the Châteauneuf du Pape). Everything was picked in September, but over quite a protracted period of weeks.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Côtes du Rhône Rouge

£159.00

Per 6 magnums

£168.00

A blend of 80% Grenache, with the balance made up of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Carignan. Very deep ruby colour. Superb scents of ripe dark fruit. Great fruit on the palate too. Fine tannins, and a long, fresh finish. Drink 2026-2031.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge	£450.00
Per 6 magnums	£459.00

Again, mainly Grenache, but with Syrah, Vaccarèse, Counoise and Mourvèdre. Similarly dark colour and a really lively freshness to the aromas. Delicious crunchy red fruits on the palate. Fine, long and stimulating, and showing a touch of seductive salinity on the finish. A superb Châteauneuf. Drink 2029-2039.



Domaine Les Chemins de Sève

Loïc and Caroline Massart, originally from Juliéna in the Beaujolais, moved to Haut Vaucluse in 2013, buying this 9.5 hectare domaine with vines in Cairanne and Côtes du Rhône. The vines range in age from 80 years old to half a hectare newly planted, and the winery was built in 2014. All the fruit is hand picked and destemmed (but not crushed) and fermentation takes place in concrete tanks. Loïc and Caroline attach great importance to respect for the environment, and this philosophy informs all aspects of their work: natural products, patience and working by hand. Picking began in the 2nd week of September and lasted 3½ weeks. Despite some loss to mildew, the crop was good and healthy.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Côtes du Rhône Villages Rouge

£117.00

Pyrope

A blend of 50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Carignan and 10% Mourvèdre. Lovely red fruit scents. Juicy and ripe with supple, silky tannins and great balance. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 Cairanne, Métamorphose

£147.00

70% Grenache and 30% Syrah. More complex fruit aromas and a lovely gentle ripeness to the fruit on the palate. Generous and plump, excellent freshness, fine silky tannins, and very good finesse. Drink 2026-2030.

Famille Gonnet

The heart of the Gonnet family's estate is at Font de Michelle in Châteauneuf. Jean-Etienne Gonnet (1864-1907) began the family's fortunes with his small farm in the first half of the 19th century, but it was Etienne Gonnet who, in 1950, established the domaine we know today. He was succeeded by his sons Jean and Michel in 1975 and, since 2006, it is their sons Bertrand and Guillaume who run the operation – producing increasingly highly regarded domaine wines from their vineyards in Châteauneuf, as well as a really outstanding range of village and regional wines under the Famille Gonnet label. Of the 30 hectares of vines (60 to 70 years old), 7 hectares are in Le Crau – one of the finest sectors of Châteauneuf – where most of the vines are between 100 and 115 years old. The 2024 crop was very small because of coulure. Mildew damage was minimal because of the Gonnets' skilled vineyard work and regular treatments (12 rather than the average 6). Picking began at the end of August for the whites, and then from 5th September for the reds, and finished on 27th September.



2024 Ventoux, Le Vin de Léonard, £87.00
Famille Gonnet

Full of delicious red fruit. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 Côtes du Rhône Rouge, Les Promesses, £96.00
Font du Vent, Famille Gonnet

A blend of Syrah, Grenache and Cinsault. The *Signargues* was not produced in 2024, making this an extremely good *Promesses*. Ripe, supple, generous and fine. Exceptional value. Drink 2026-2028.

2024 Cairanne, Le Vin de Léonard, £117.00
Famille Gonnet

75% Grenache, 15% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre. Plenty of juicy red fruit character, with fine tannins and supple balance. Drink 2026-2030.

2024 Vacqueyras, Le Vin de Léonard, £174.00
Famille Gonnet

Intense dark fruit aromas. Gorgeous plum fruit on the palate – really ripe and soft. Good length. Drink 2026-2031.

2024 Gigondas, Le Vin de Léonard, £198.00
Famille Gonnet

90% Grenache, and 10% Mourvèdre. Complex and intense, with excellent depth and complexity. Stunning fruit on the finish. Drink 2026-2031.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Cuvée Tradition, £297.00
Domaine Font du Vent, Famille Gonnet

65% Grenache with the remainder made up of Syrah, Mourvèdre, Counoise and Vaccarèse, plus 5% of white grapes, from 7 vineyard sites around Bédarrides. 60% of the wine is aged in oak, none new. Very deep ruby. Concentrated and layered, with lovely generosity of fruit on the palate. Finely balanced and long. Drink 2027-2034.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, Etienne Gonnet, £510.00
Domaine Font du Vent, Famille Gonnet

50% Grenache, 25% Mourvèdre, 25% Syrah, and vines planted in 1900. Half the normal production (3,000 bottles instead of 6,000). Attractive red cherry fruit aromas. Seductive and ripe on the palate. The very fine tannins are firm and integrated. Long and supple finish. Drink 2029-2039.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge, £525.00
Le Bois Pointu, Blagden & Gonnet

The Gonnets make the wine with the input of the English vineyard owner Charles Blagden – a distinguished figure of the Anglo-French wine scene, who works his vines with total dedication. A blend of Grenache (65%), Counoise (15%), Mourvèdre (10%) and Cinsault (10%, but with a tiny bit of Clairette). The wine is aged in *demi-muids*. Very dark ruby, and bright red fruit aromas. Ripe and extremely complex on the palate. Good freshness and fine acidity. This is seriously good. Drink 2029-2039.



Charles Blagden in his trademark 'bleu de travail'

Domaine Stéphane Ogier

In 1997 Stéphane Ogier joined his father Michel to work on the family domaine in Ampuis – the seventh generation of the family. They no longer produce apples commercially as Stéphane has greatly increased their vineyard holdings (he now has 11 hectares of Côte Rôtie alone), and has overseen the construction of the magnificent winery just outside Ampuis. Most of his wines are now released later, but his southern Côtes du Rhône are released now. The red comes from vines in Plan de Dieu (north-west of Violès) and the white from Séguret (north of Gigondas).



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

**2024 Le Temps Est Venu,
Côtes du Rhône Rouge**

Per 6 bottles £54.00

A blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah from vines aged between 30 and 50 years old. Nothing is destemmed, and the wine is fermented in concrete vats. Great depth of succulent fruit. Drink 2026-2029.

**2024 Le Temps Est Venu,
Côtes du Rhône Blanc****Per 6 bottles £54.00**

A blend of 25% Grenache Blanc, Roussanne and Clairette, with 10% Viognier and Marsanne, and 5% Bourboulenc, aged from 20 to 40 years old. Fresh and zesty, with a long, vibrant finish. Drink 2026-2029

**Clos des Papes**

One of the most famous estates of Châteauneuf du Pape, the 32 hectares of Clos des Papes are today run by Vincent Avril. The estate was founded in the early 20th century by Paul Avril, and takes its name from a parcel of vines it owns close to the ruins of the 14th century Papal fortress which gives its name to the town and the appellation. Paul was succeeded by his son Regis and he in turn was joined by his son (another Paul) in 1963. Vincent started at the estate, working alongside his father, in 1988, having studied in Burgundy, and then done a stage at Mouton Rothschild. Vincent's infectious enthusiasm for his wines is wonderful to see: visits always begin with the warning that his time is very short – and invariably last much longer than the allotted time slot. Everything has been destemmed since 1992! Picking began on 8th September, and yields were just 16 hl/ha.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge	Per 6 bottles	£360.00
	Per 3 magnums	£369.00
	Per 1 double magnum	£267.00

“Tasted from multiple foudres as well as the final blend, the 2024 Châteauneuf Du Pape shows the classy, elegant style of the vintage with its medium ruby hue and vibrant, fresh character. Ripe black cherries, pepper, garrigue, assorted spice, and violets define the aromatics, with increasing floral nuances emerging with air. It's medium-bodied on the palate, with fine tannins, outstanding length, and terrific overall balance that should surpass both the 2008 and 2021. 93-96”

Jeb Dunnock

Drink 2029-2040.

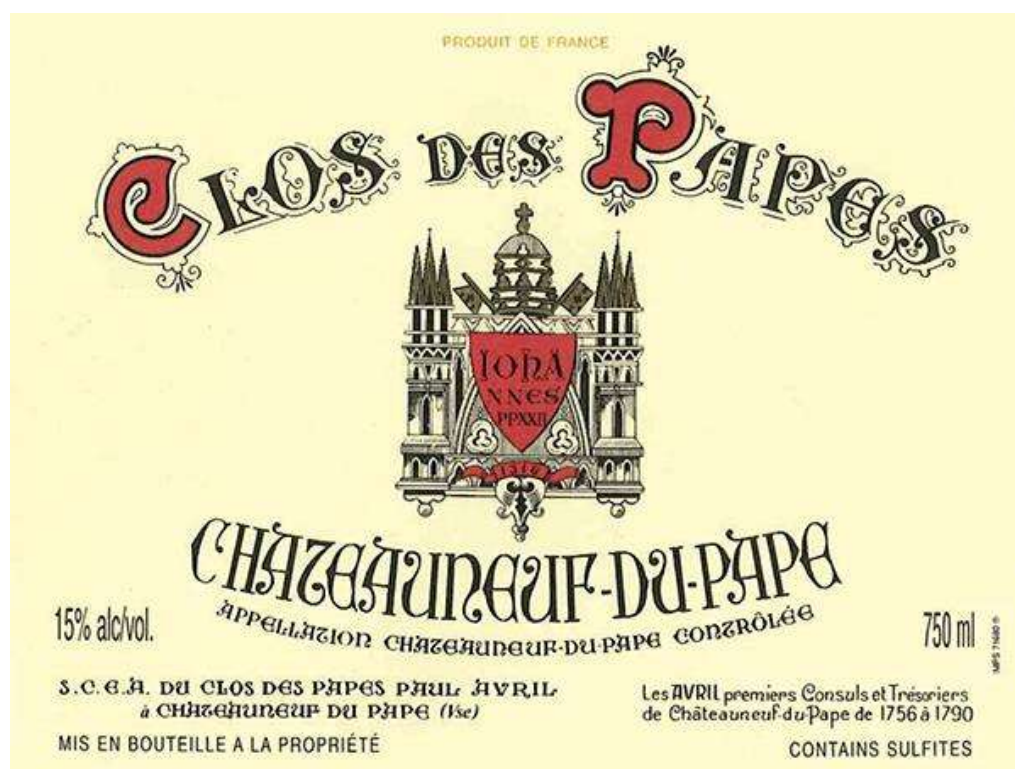
White Wine

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc	Per 6 bottles	£300.00
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“A richer style of white from Vincent, the 2024 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc offers honeyed melon, ripe citrus, flowers, and mint on the nose. It's medium-bodied on the palate, with a pure, layered mouthfeel, integrated acidity, and a great finish. This beauty will benefit from 4-5 years of bottle age and keep for two decades. 95”

Jeb Dunnock

Drink 2026-2032.



Domaine Jean-Paul Versino

Jean-Paul Versino produces wonderfully characterful wines at this small domaine of only 16 hectares. The vines are scattered throughout the appellation, in 27 different parcels, and are farmed without pesticides. The domaine includes a wide selection of differing soils and exposures, and most of the 13 permitted grape varieties. Winemaking is traditional, with the estate wine aged in the large oak *foudres* pictured below. There was some loss to mildew, and considerable loss to *coulure* resulting in a crop about 45% lower than average. Because of the small volume, there is no Cuvée des Félix in 2024 vintage. Picking began on 8th September and finished on 25th.



Red Wine

Per Case In Bond

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge

£297.00

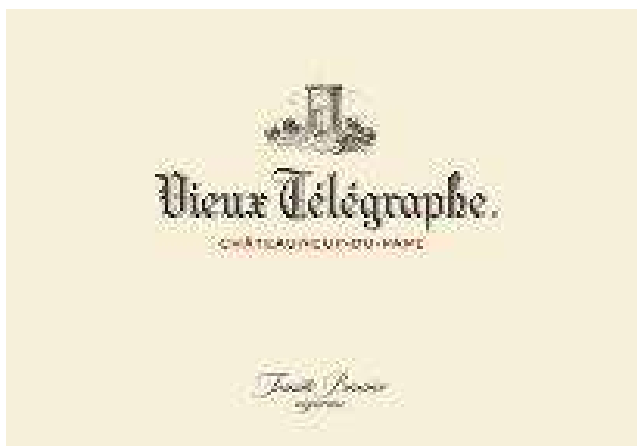
Per 6 magnums

£321.00

50% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 20% Syrah and 10% of other varieties, 85% destemmed. Really attractive red fruit aromas. Fine and precise on the palate. Ripe tannins, complex, and very long lasting on the palate. Drink 2028-2035.

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

This famous estate, founded in 1891, and neighbours and cousins of the Gonnets (above) is run by Frédéric and Daniel Brunier, sons of Henri Brunier. Also increasingly involved are Frédéric's children (Manon and Nicolas) and Daniel's son (Edouard). There are 100 hectares of vines in Châteauneuf, centred on Le Crau – one of the finest sites of the appellation – and also 25 hectares in Gigondas. The *coulure*, caused by rain during the flowering, resulted in a small crop, from -10% to -70% depending on the vineyard site.



Red Wines

Per Case In Bond

2024 Gigondas Les Pallières, Per 6 bottles £138.00 Terrasse du Diable, Familles Brunier & Lynch

“The 2024 Gigondas Terrasse du Diable is sexy and perfumed, unwinding with intense orange blossom, red plum, rose petal and spicy undertones. Medium- to full-bodied, smoothly textured and ultra-fresh, the 2024 is shaping up to be yet another delightful Terrasse du Diable from the talented Brunier family. 91-93.”

Nicolas Greinacher in Vinous

Drink 2027-2033.

2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge Per 6 bottles £165.00 Télégramme, Famille Brunier

“Mixing 85% Grenache with the remainder split between Syrah and Mourvèdre from fully destemmed grapes, the 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Télégramme unwinds with fragrant orange blossom and strawberry jam aromas. Medium- to full-bodied and perfumed, the open-knit 2024 checks out with medium length. Let's see whether it can pick up a little more substance during the remainder of its élevage. 89-91.”

Nicolas Greinacher in Vinous

Drink 2027-2033.

**2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge
Piedlong, Famille Brunier**

Per 6 bottles £195.00

“Using roughly 40% whole clusters, the complex 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Pied Long opens with delicious orange rind, forest strawberry and herbal features. Savory and inviting, the 2024 showcases superb overall freshness, drawing to a close with elegance on the fruit-etched finish. 90% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre were used in this blend. 91-93.” Nicolas Greinacher in Vinous
Drink 2027-2034.

**2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Rouge
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe,
Famille Brunier**

Per 6 bottles £300.00

Per 3 magnums £309.00

“Mixing 70% Grenache with the remainder split between Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault, the 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape La Crau unwinds with wild strawberry, ripe blackberry, stemmy subtleties and peppery accents. Vinified using roughly 30% whole clusters, the 2024 is the first La Crau vintage where the grapes from around one hectare of Cinsault went into the mix, which was previously used for the Téliégramme. Full-bodied, structured and concentrated, the 2024 is shaping up nicely, finishing with composure and subtle spiciness. 91-93.”
Nicolas Greinacher in Vinous
Drink 2029-2039.



**2024 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe**

Per 6 bottles £258.00

“The 2024 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc La Crau is at eye level with the equally stunning 2020 and 2021 renditions, mixing 40% Clairette with 25% Grenache Blanc, 25% Roussanne and 10% Bourboulenc. Swirling the glass unlocks fresh white flowers, lemon flesh, pear and a flicker of pastry. Medium- to full-bodied and compact, the precise-cut 2024 will benefit from a few years of cellaring but is hard to resist in its youth. 93.”

Nicolas Greinacher in Vinous
Drink 2026-2030.



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