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ローヌで評価の高かった2ヴィンテージの後の2017年。いやが上にも、2015年、2016年に匹敵するワインが造られるかに期待が高まっていたが、結果はおそらく、それほど単純なものではありません。2017年は生育期の極度な天候に特筆される年で、我々が訪ねたどの生産者の口からも「花振るい」「干ばつ」という言葉が聞かれました。しかし、このような天候がワインの生産量に影響を与えた一方で、全体的にワインの品質は高く、飲みやすさと熟成の能力を兼ね備えた素晴らしいワインも造られています。

経験と才能の両方を持った生産者は、この扱いにくいヴィンテージにうまく対応し、この年の微妙なニュアンスがワインの中に美しく表現しました。北ローヌでは、ワインはジュシーかつ熟した果実と、しなやかなタンニンに見られる暖かさが特徴。南ローヌのワインは、最終的なブレンドに含まれるグルナッシュの割合が低くなったため、温暖な年でありながらアルコール度数が明らかに低く、またタンニンもより硬く締まった年になりました。

ローヌという産地の中の、南北二つの地域についていつも言えることですが、ワインのスタイルには明らかな差があります。北も

南も、2017年は穏やかで乾燥した冬に始まり、生育期にも全く雨が降らなかったため、ブドウは干ばつというストレスにさらされ、ローヌ全体で収穫量が減りました。また、春に穏やかな気温が続いたことで開花は早まりました。開花は、生育期において受粉が可能になる段階で、このときに今年と翌年の収量が決定します。しかし、4月後半に気温が突然下がり、「花振るい」と呼ばれる結実不良が発生しました。受粉がうまく行われず、果実の生育も著しく影響を受け、ブドウの房数そのものが減少。発芽の早いグルナッシュやヴィオニエといった品種が最も影響を受けたため、南ローヌでは40%、コンドリュエでは50%程も収量が減ることは珍しくありませんでした。

雹や霜の被害があった一部のエリアを除き、北ローヌのシラーは開花も結実も、比較的無傷で済みました。ムールヴェードルなどの他の南ローヌ品種も同様で、今年のブレンドには大きな割合で使用されることになりました。

暑い夏が続き干ばつになったことで、ブドウにはさらなる試練が訪れます。結果として、ブドウの実の小さくなって果汁は減り、皮が厚くなったことで赤ワインにはタンニンが増えました。白ワインにとっては同条件が味わいの豊かさと凝縮感をもたらし、トロピカルな性格になりました。収穫は一般的な年よりも早く、多くの栽培農家は9月1日までに1/3から半量の収穫を終えていました。

干ばつの影響は南に顕著で、赤ではタンニンが強調されています。クロ・デ・パプのヴァンサン・アヴリルの言葉を借りれば、南の温暖な環境にあっては、酸よりもタンニンの質がワインの熟成能力を決定するのです。醸造過程でタンニンの抽出を巧みに行った生

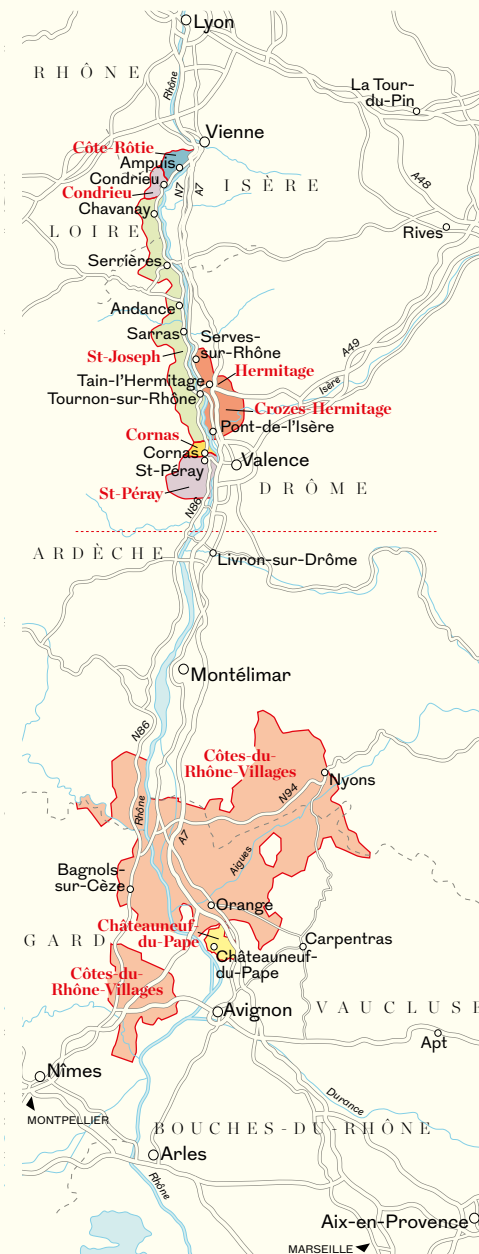
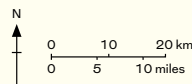
産者は、熟成能力も非常に高い素晴らしいワインを造ることに成功しました。

本オファーは私一人の力によるものではなく、ローヌを共に試飲して回ったオリヴィエ・バートンによる、寄稿という多大な貢献のお蔭であることを書き添えておきます。

THE RHÔNE VALLEY

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- G A R D Département name
- Département border
- Boundary between Northern & Southern Rhône areas
- Côte-Rôtie Wine area name
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NORTHERN RHÔNE

Report

2016年の冷涼な天候とは一転、暖かな生育条件に戻った年でした。ワインは黒みを帯びた赤果実とスパイスが主体で、タンニンのストラクチャーはしなやか。造り手たちは雨不足で収量が下がったと口にしていましたが、南ローヌに比べれば、その減少はまだ穏やかなものだったと言えるでしょう。

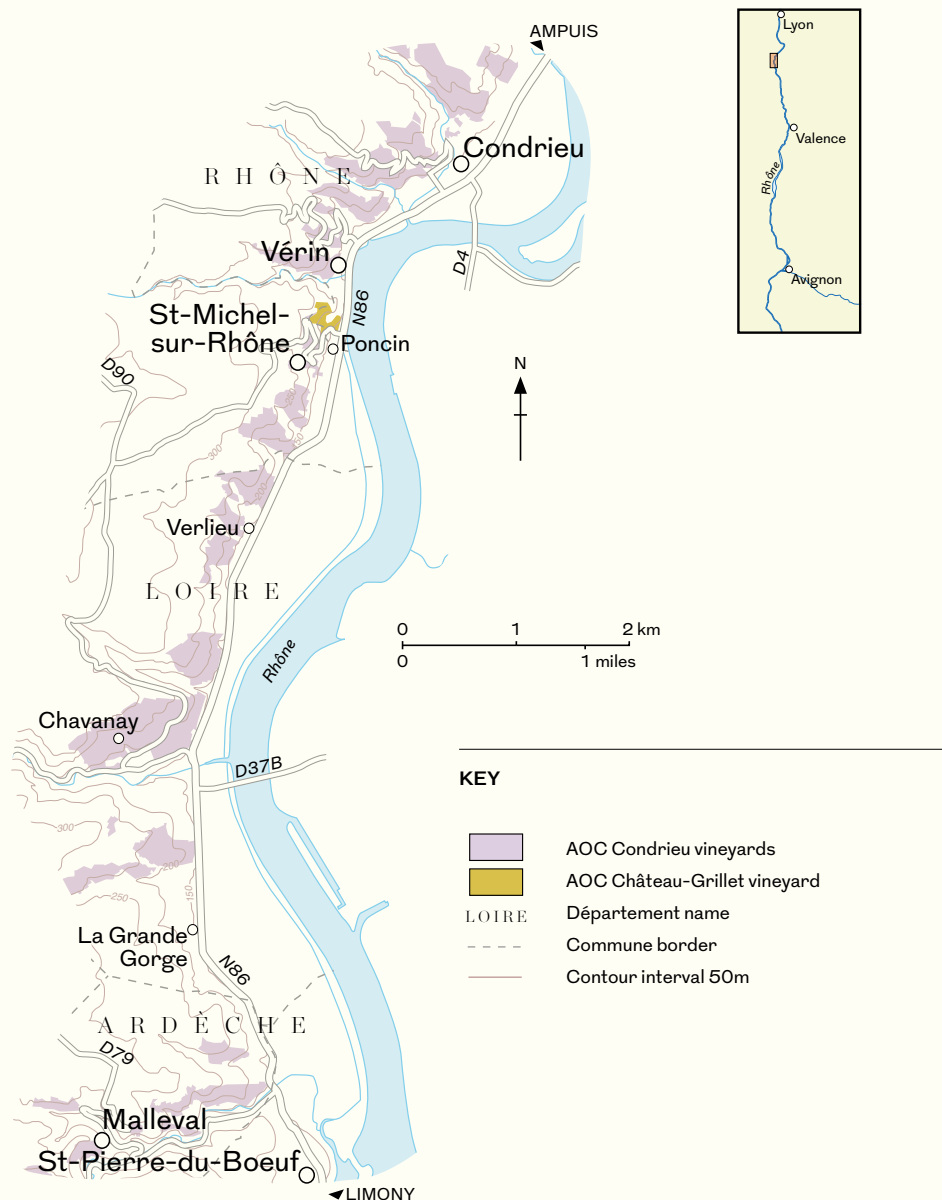
しかしその例外は、霜と雹が被害をもたらしたサン・ジョセフとクローズ＝エルミタージュで、それぞれ最大30%、10%の収量減となりました。コンドリュエでは、ヴィオニエが花振るいに遭ったため、生産者の中には50%もの収量減を報告したところもありました

ワイン醸造のロックスター、イヴ・ガングロフはこのヴィンテージを「太陽」と表現しました。それも、ワインに爽やかなフレッシュさを残し、すぐに飲みたくなるようなスタイルでありながら、同時に熟成のポテンシャルをも与えてくれるような太陽です。多くの造り手は、ワインの品質は傑出した2015年に匹敵するが、タンニンは硬く野性的というよりむしろ、みずみずしい性質のものだと感じています。

白ワインは芳醇な仕上がりで、2015年、2016年よりもトロピカルであるということに疑いの余地はありません。我々は、この性質を上手くコントロールできたワインのみを厳選しました。豪華なボディと酸味の均整がとれ、トップ生産者が目指すところの「エネルギー感」を表現している、類まれなワインばかりです。

CONDRIEU

Viognier: nowhere does it better than Condrieu. In the same way that growers the world over have planted Pinot Noir in the hope of emulating red Burgundy, the similarly finicky Viognier is planted in the hope of achieving the unique balance of exotic perfume, weight and freshness for which Condrieu is famed. Few succeed. Traditionally vinification and *élevage* are in relatively inert, large, wooden vessels, but there is more interest from a new generation in the qualities of new oak. Plantings have expanded beyond the core of the AOC, around the village itself, to 140 hectares from the low of eight hectares in the 1960s. The vineyards pick up where Côte-Rôtie leaves off, the slope continues, but the schist of the north begins to give way to a little more granite and a topsoil of decomposed mica. Georges Vernay, of the eponymous *domaine*, was the region's de facto godfather, a constant feature during the difficult years and a key figure in keeping Condrieu from falling into total obscurity. Today the appellation is characterised by energy and creativity, and demand for the wines from this diminutive region is soaring.



Domaine Mouton

JEAN-CLAUDE MOUTON



Jean-Claude Mouton's vines sit high above the village of Condrieu and his modest winery is located right on the top of the hill, giving a wonderful view over the valley below. He currently farms 3.4 hectares in the appellation, with another 1.5 due to come into use over the next few years. His two Condrieu cuvées express two quite different terroirs, one mainly planted on granite, the other based on a mixture of clay, limestone and loess. In the winery, minimal new oak is used and the wines are matured in Burgundian barrels with little to no toasting.

White

2017 VIOGNIER, COLLINES RHODANIENNES

As always this wine is very expressive, packed full of vibrant fruit characters. The nose shows plenty of orange, greengage and white blossom, while the palate is equally generous with more citrus and stone-fruit. Barrel fermentation brings a nice creaminess to the wine and the finish is long and expressive. Think of this as a "mini-Condrieu". Drink now to 2021.

V8326B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£63.00**

2017 CONDRIEU, CÔTE BONNETTE

The Bonnette vineyard tends to produce a more linear style of Condrieu, of which this *cuvée* is a good example. The nose shows white blossom, apricot and a touch of pear fruit, whereas the palate is focused around peach and citrus, with a lovely creamy mouth-feel from the 50% *élevage* in oak. The finish is fresh, long and textured with delicate minerality. Drink now to 2023.

V7765B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£132.00**

2017 CONDRIEU, CÔTE CHATILLON

The Chatillon *cuvée* always see more oak here, and in 2017 25% is new. The wine starts with quite a cool, steely mineral impression with a lovely ginger note, then moves on to plenty of peach and apricot. It is quite fat and rounded on the tongue, with a good amount of spice on the long finish. Drink now to 2024.

V7764B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£162.00**

Red

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE

Jean-Claude's Côte-Rôtie comes from the Côte Blonde. He uses 25% whole-bunch and ages it in 400-litre barrels. Medium-bodied, there is plenty of red-berry fruit here which mingles with smoky, meaty and mineral notes. The tannins are fine and grippy, leading towards a rustic, earthy finish. Drink 2020-2028.

V8148B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£156.00**

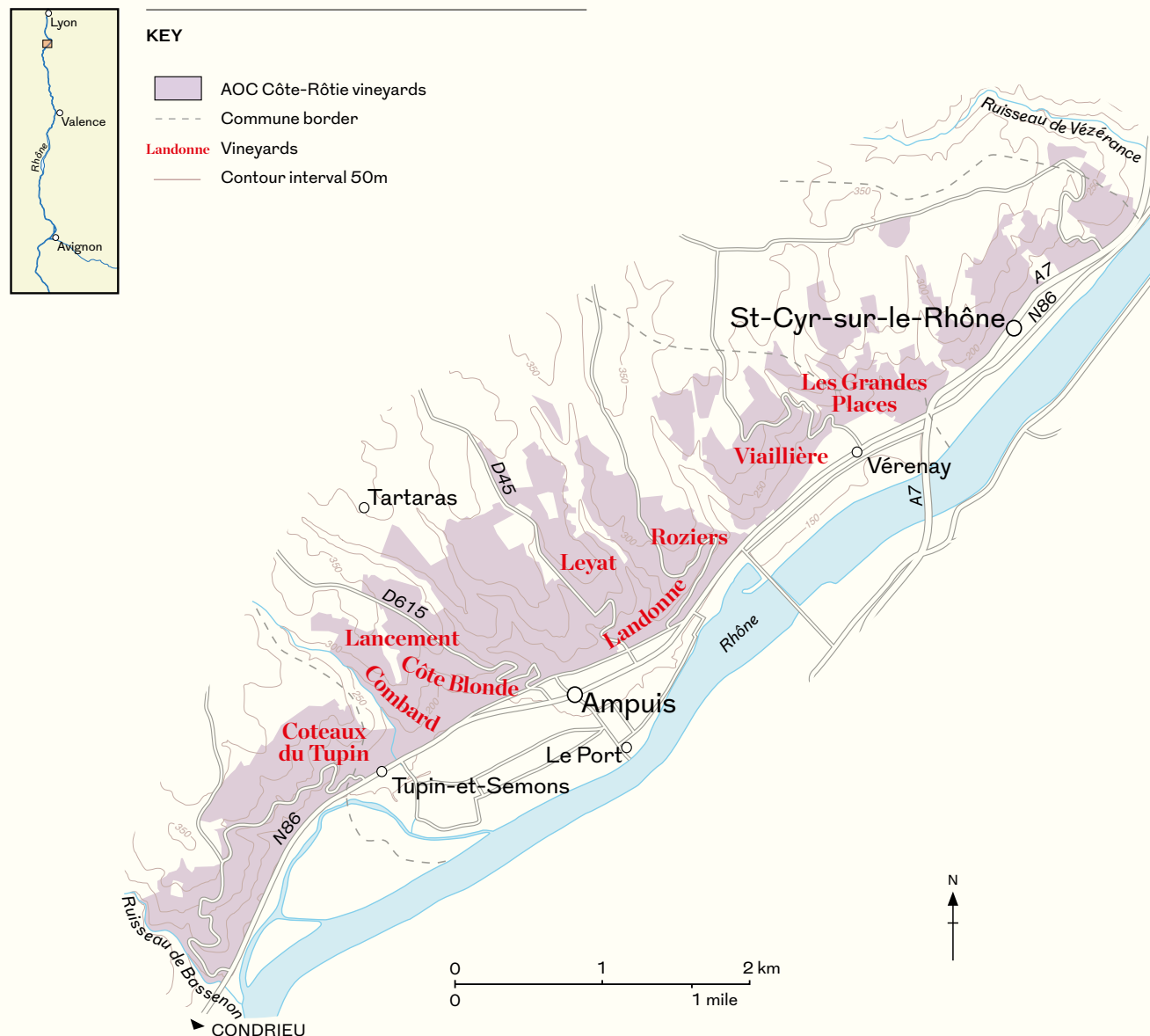
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CÔTE-RÔTIE

Having hit a low point in the 1970s, the intimidating hill of Côte-Rôtie (literally the “roasted slope”) has risen in esteem to achieve its present, rightfully revered position. Its recent success is in part thanks to the critical acclaim awarded to wines from small, single sites; a new mode for a region which is traditionally blended across the hill. The slope reaches a 60% gradient in places, and an extensive terracing system, with walls known as *cheys* is needed to make it possible (but only just) to farm vines here. Facing south and southeast, the vines are well-exposed to the sun’s benevolent rays and warm southerly winds, while protected from the brutal northerlies. The hillside is split broadly into two, nominally representing a division in soil structure; Côte Brune with iron-rich clay mingled with schist, and the lighter Côte Blonde, which tends to produce wines that display finesse rather than muscle. Viognier is grown alongside Syrah in places, particularly in the Côte Blonde, and up to 20% can be co-fermented, bringing perfume and, paradoxically, intensifying the colour. More romantically, the names are reputed to derive from the respective hair colours of the daughters of the lord who owned the hillside in the 16th century.



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Stéphane Ogier

STÉPHANE OGIER



Stéphane Ogier goes from strength to strength, his magnificent new winery nearing completion, totemic of ambition and success, but also built in such a way to defer to the principle of vinification by parcel which is fundamental to his project and long-term vision. There is no flight toward volume and anonymity; quite the contrary, and it is exciting indeed. Stéphane compares 2017 to 2011 in terms of its tannic structure, with some similarities to the trickier 2007 vintage. He was quick to highlight the fresh acidity in the 2017s.

White

2017 VIOGNIER DE ROSINE

This wine is a crowd-pleaser and great value for money. The white peach and floral aromas are supported by juicy acidity and a significant level of concentration, much more than you would expect for its humble price. A perfect midweek wine. Drink now to 2021.

V8150B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£81.00**

Red

2017 LA ROSINE SYRAH

This is floral and delicate in style with red-berry perfume, subtle garrigue and spice notes adding layers of aromatic complexity. Juicy berry fruit, refreshing acidity and silky, mouthcoating tannins make for an extremely pure, precise and charming wine. Drink now to 2022.

V7870B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£75.00**
V7870M 6 x 150cl magnums in bond **£159.00**

2017 L'ÂME SŒUR, SYRAH DE SEYSSUEL

Stéphane believes this site will get Côtes du Rhône or potentially Cru status in 2020 – fitting recognition for the quality of the *terroir* here. Black cherry and plum fruit is combined with savoury spice and thyme notes. The tannins are firm and chalky, with a sweetness that is characteristic of the 2017s. Licorice and black olive notes arrive on the finish of this dense and energetic wine. Drink now to 2023.

V7871B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£156.00**

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE

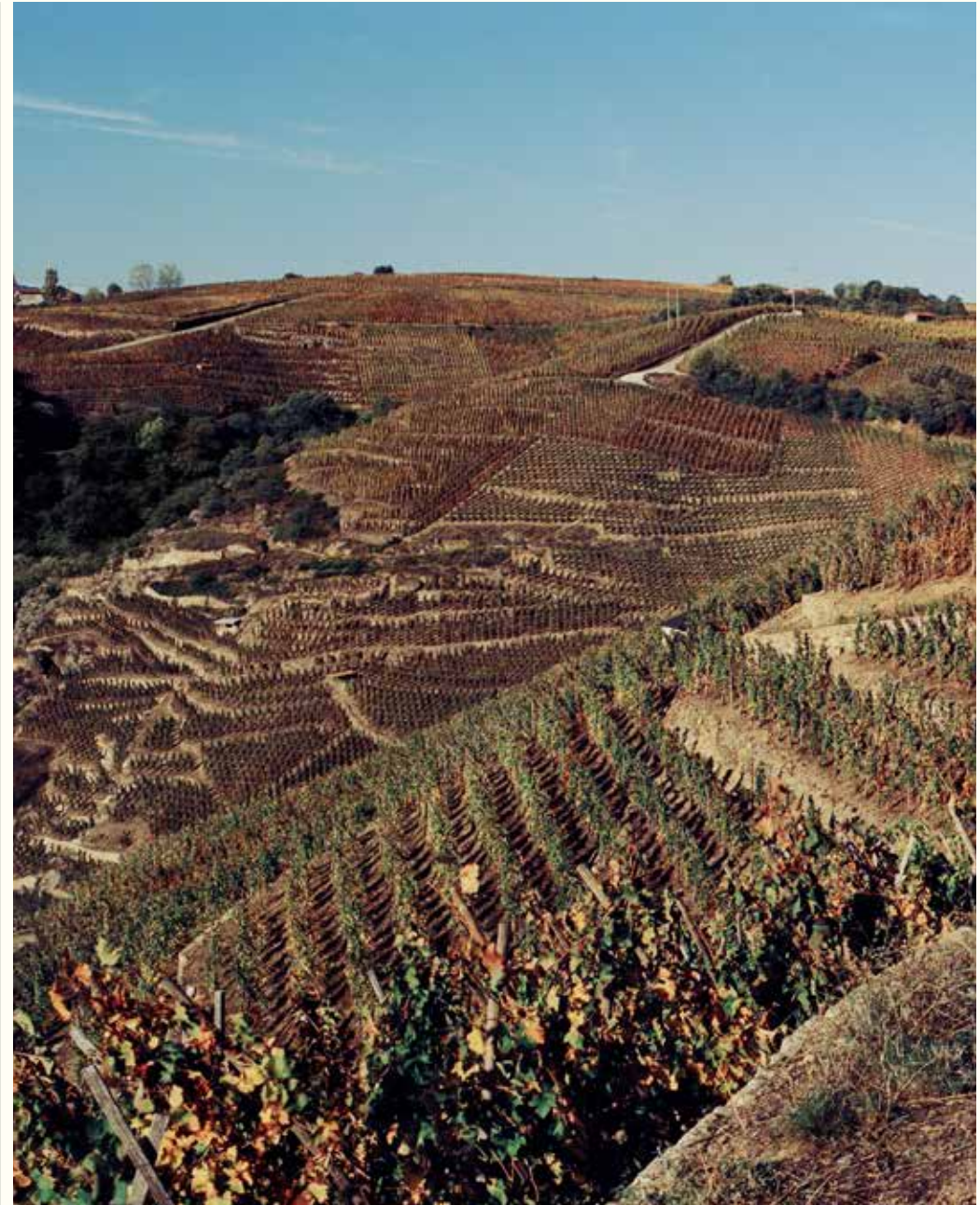
This is a blend of a handful of villages within the St Joseph appellation. The whole-bunch fermentation is evident in the wine's floral perfume, with a crunchy and firm tannin profile. Meaty, spicy and savoury notes are juxtaposed with dense fruit – cherries, cranberries and brambles. There's plenty of crisp acidity and a mineral core. Drink now to 2025.

V7872B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£99.00**

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE, LE VILLAGE

An *assemblage* of parcels from Bassenon, Bourrier, Le Goutay, Gerine, Besset and Leyat, this is elegant and super silky in texture. Linear and very mineral, savoury aromas – rosemary, graphite and black olive – support the pure, exuberant red-berry notes. With fine-grained tannins and brisk acidity, this is accessible, yet displays great complexity and finesse. Drink now to 2028.

V7869B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£195.00**



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Pierre Gaillard

PIERRE GAILLARD



The younger generation, Pierre's son and daughters, have been getting more involved at the domaine over the last few years, however it is the passion and influence of Pierre that remains at the core of this impressive property situated in the hills of Malléval.

As well as being one of the top growers in St Joseph, he is one of a handful of producers realising the potential of the vineyards in Seysses in the north of the region. We tasted wines from over 36 barrels during our visit and each one of them had its own sense of identity and character: a commendable feat.

White

2018 ST PÉRAY

A blend of 50% Marsanne and 50% Roussanne, exotic and tropical fruit aromas work in tandem with a juicy and broad palate. The palate has an attractive phenolic grip, with a touch of spice on the finish. Ripe peach, honeysuckle and orange blossom continue on the finish. Drink now to 2022.

V8323B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£72.00**

2018 ST JOSEPH BLANC

The nose is floral and spicy with honey, hawthorn and beeswax notes, and the tropical aromas kept in check for this 100% Roussanne St Joseph Blanc. The slightly glycerol, oily texture contrasts well with grapefruit-pith acidity. Verbena and camomile hints add complex layers. Drink now to 2025.

V8322B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£87.00**

2018 CONDRIEU

The grapes come from several vineyards in the southern part of the appellation. There is a richness of tangerine, peach and honey that drives through the core of the wine, but it is still very light on its feet. It has a very attractive floral lift and vibrancy, despite the warmth of the vintage. Drink now to 2025.

V8324B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£135.00**

Red

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, CLOS DE CUMINAILLE

This *cuvée* comes from the Cuminaille vineyard that Pierre planted in 1981 and is today regarded as one of the most notable wines produced in the region. Bright, deep ruby in colour, it offers aromas of blackberry, black cherry and pepper. Liquorice and rosemary notes combine with black olives and fennel. It is very accessible, yet the wine's mineral core defines it. Drink now to 2030.

V7825B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£90.00**

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE

A blend of Pierre's five hectares in Cote-Rôtie, this wine is expressive and generous. The mix of red and black fruit is well supported by savoury and sweet spice, as well as hints of smoke and tapenade. The wine displays a fleshy core with firm yet ripe tannins. Drink 2020-2030.

V7826B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£171.00**

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE, ROSE POUPRE

Grapes for this wine are sourced from Côte Rozier – situated in a south-facing amphitheatre, this site is particularly warm and gives real concentration to the *cuvée*. Helped by the 30% new French oak, the wine displays sweet spice, supported by some savoury garrigue so typical of the region and the Syrah grape. The tannins are chewy but well-handled. Drink 2021-2040.

V7827B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£342.00**

Yves Cuilleron

YVES CUILLERON



Yves now farms an impressive 70 hectares across six different appellations in the Northern Rhône. He is dynamic, energetic, inquisitive and constantly looking for new projects. Recently he has been sourcing and planting ancient grape varieties that are close to extinction, believing these will give him more flexibility in his winemaking as climate change pushes average temperatures up. Yves matures all his wines in oak barrels to avoid reduction, although these days only around 10 to 15% of the barrels are new. He is pleased with the 2017 vintage, especially with the reds, which he harvested in early September to retain a good level of acidity.

White

2017 ST PÉRAY, LIEU-DIT BIOUSSE

This big and flavoursome white is made from 100% Marsanne and is aged in barrels of which 25% are new. The result gives peach, almond and blossom aromas with plenty of citrus fruit and nectarine on the mid-palate. Rounded and structured, the finish is buttery and long. Drink now to 2022.

V7837B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£99.00**

Red

2017 CORNAS, LE VILLAGE

The fruit for this *cuvée* is sourced from three locations around Yves's three hectares in Cornas. The nose shows classic notes of blackberry, violet and bacon fat, while the palate is laden with black and red fruit. The tannins here are big, firm and grippy in their youth, but are kept in check by good fresh acidity. Drink 2020-2035.

V8155B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£141.00**

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, LES SERINES

"Serine" is the local name for the Syrah grape. This St Joseph is very dark in colour with a purple tint, while the nose is smoky with black pepper and bramble fruit. The palate has a concentrated core of dark berry fruit and the wine is well-structured, with a full body and firm tannins. The long finish benefits from a pleasant floral lift. Drink 2020-2027.

V7838B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£153.00**

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE, MADINIÈRE

From a north-facing plot planted on schist, this *cuvée* includes 5% Viognier and is matured in 40% new oak. The nose is full of spice, with liquorice, pepper and wood smoke. The palate is suitably juicy and meaty, culminating in a smoky, mineral finish. The tannins are firm, boding well for a long life in the cellar. Drink 2021-2037.

V7840B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£198.00**

2017 CÔTE-RÔTIE, LIEU-DIT BONNIVIÈRES

These 60-year-old vines thrive on this east-facing plot planted on schist. The resulting wine is classic in style but very elegant indeed. The bramble fruit is supported by a violet floral note, while the palate is full of fleshy fruit, smoke, spice and minerality. The firm tannins are balanced by a surprisingly high level of acidity which will carry this wine gracefully into old age. One for the cellar. Drink 2022-2040.

V8156B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£261.00**

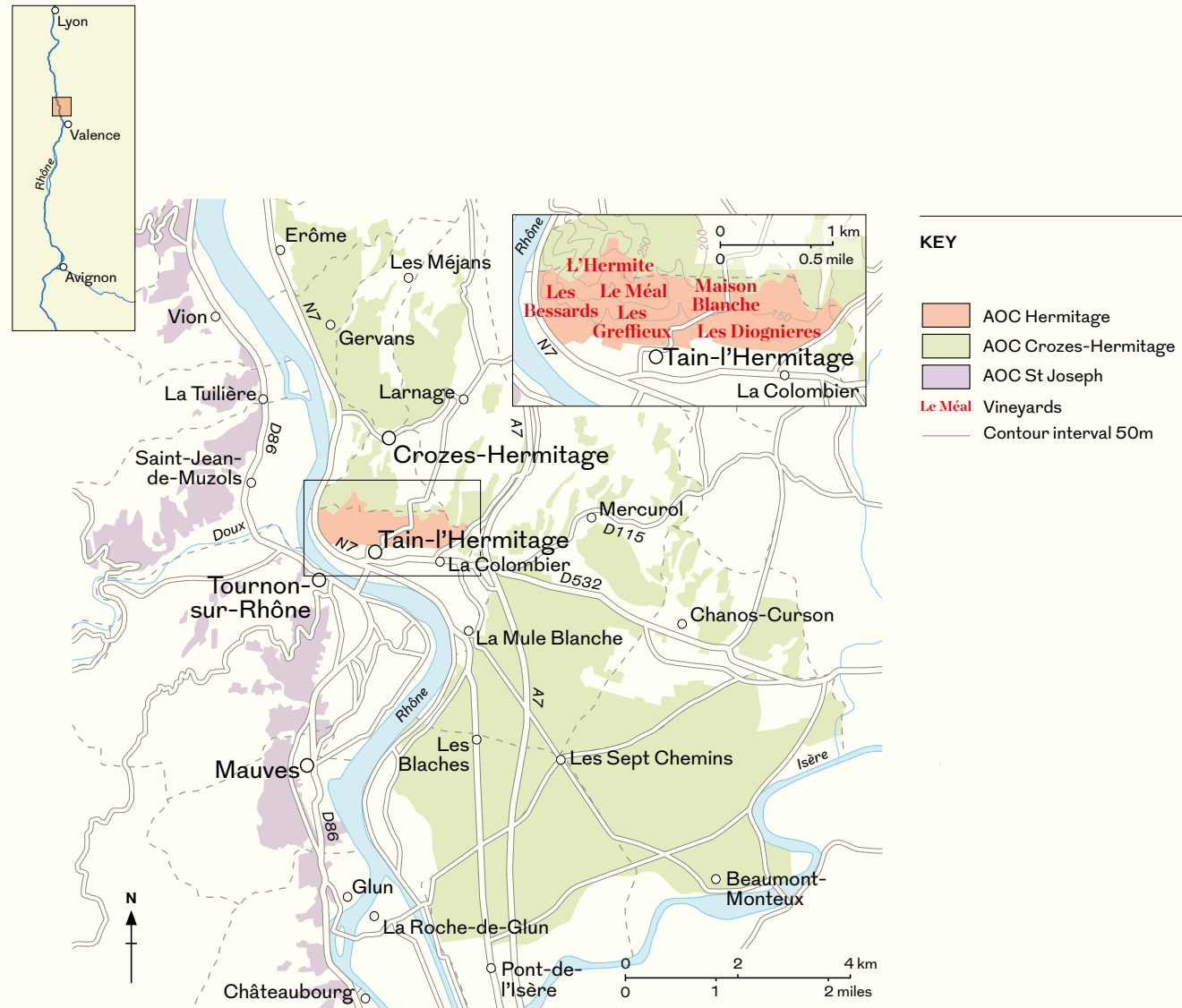
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HERMITAGE & CROZES-HERMITAGE

Small and intricately parcellated, the 132-hectare hill of Hermitage has a long-standing prestige which, unlike much of the Rhône, has seldom waned. During the 18th and 19th centuries, it enjoyed equal billing with the First Growths of Bordeaux, which it augmented as a blending partner on occasion. The granite hillside's full, southerly exposure cuts an imposing figure; leering over the town of Tain, crested by its iconic small chapel which appears to be floating mid-air when the rest of the hillside is cloaked in the black of night. For many this is Syrah's apogee, and so strong is the association that the word "Hermitage" is used as a synonym. A portion of white grapes (up to 15%) may feature in the red wines, but it is less common here than in Côte-Rôtie, and there is no Viognier. The whites, also wines of distinction, are the rich and intriguingly aromatic product of the partnership between Marsanne and Roussanne. The rolling, rather than vertiginous, hills around Tain form Crozes-Hermitage, the Northern Rhône's largest AOC at 1,450 hectares, where Syrah is also king. Crozes has a more chequered history than its towering neighbour, but over the last two decades or so a number of willing and able producers has helped to raise the region to its current high standards.



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Maison Chapoutier

MICHEL CHAPOUTIER



Applying his usual break-neck rigour to the presidency of professional association InterRhône has not in any way distracted Michel Chapoutier from his goal of ensuring that his range, more impressive in scope than ever, is providing the most complete dissection of the region's terroir. The seventh generation of his family to run the domaine, Michel is now farming all his vineyards biodynamically, busily investing in new winemaking projects across the globe. The domaine suffered very little from disease issues in 2017 and is pleased with both the yields and the quality of the fruit.

White

2017 CROZES-HERMITAGE BLANC, LES MEYSONNIERS

This is the only white Crozes-Hermitage in our 2017 offering. It has a powerful nose of green fruit and peach with pleasing mineral and honeyed notes. The palate is packed with juicy fruit – lots more peach and some zesty lemon. Full-bodied and textural, the finish has a pronounced freshness. Drink now to 2023.

V7877B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£81.00**

Red

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, LES GRANILITES

This *cuvée* is mainly matured in concrete vats, with only 30% of the wine seeing oak. This brings a real focus on the purity of fruit. The nose is dark and dense with lots of blackberry fruit. A good mineral streak runs through the palate which is well-structured with firm tannins. Drink 2020-2025.

V7878B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£105.00**

2017 CORNAS, LES ARÈNES

This is a blend of three parcels from the mid-slopes of Cornas. The team has sourced the best fruit from this vintage and the plots complement each other well, giving a wine full of dark broody fruit, wood smoke and spice. The tannins here are very fine and inky black but may need some time. Drink 2020-2029.

V7879B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£135.00**

2017 HERMITAGE, MONIER DE LA SIZERANNE

One of Chapoutier's most famous *cuvées*, this red is a blend of three parcels across the steep slopes of Hermitage. Mostly these are granite soils, so the fruit from Le Méal – with its alluvial deposits – brings a lightness of touch. The nose is deep and dark, with the wine's characteristic floral lift. The palate is laden with dark berry fruit and smoky mineral undertones. Drink 2021-2035.

V7876B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£285.00**

Domaine Coursodon

JÉRÔME COURSODON



Jérôme Coursodon – based in St Joseph – is very happy with his 2017s, comparing them to the '15 and '16 vintage, although considering the '15 a little richer and '16 more open than '17. Volumes were down by around 25 to 30% due to summer drought issues, but thankfully a freshness runs through his wines and careful extraction has meant that the tannins have been kept in check. The eagle-eyed will spot that the white included in our "2017" offer is in fact 2018; selected as we feel it is best enjoyed in its youth, with plenty of freshness to balance the wine's ripe fruit core.

White

2018 ST JOSEPH BLANC, SILICE

Pure Marsanne, this offers a tropical-fruit expression with tangerine, peach and blossom aromas. There is no oak for fermentation and ageing, producing a very clean and pure style. There is breadth and weight to the wine, combined with a waxy texture and attractive grip on the palate. Drink now to 2023.

V8321B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£204.00**

Red

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, SILICE

The Silice displays a very pretty Syrah profile with bright red-berry fruits and red liquorice spice. Floral and linear in profile, the absence of any new oak makes the primary fruit the focus. The tannins are carefully managed with a juiciness and subtlety to them that mirrors the texture of the palate. Drink now to 2023.

V7833B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£192.00**

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, LE PARADIS SAINT PIERRE

Jérôme uses 80-year-old vines for this *cuvée* which explains the wine's density and mineral core. The use of 50% whole-bunch creates a floral top note on the nose. The tannins are chalky, with evident grip on the finish. Dark chocolate, black olive and smoke, as well as cedar and spice, contribute to the savoury, almost rustic element of this wine. Drink 2020-2030.

V7835B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£192.00**

2017 ST JOSEPH ROUGE, L'OLIVAIE

This is a "*sélection parcellaire*" coming from vines that are over 60 years old, in the northern part of St Joseph. Thanks to time in 25% new French oak, this wine displays an attractive sweet spice and cedar aroma. Rich and generous in body, its subtle smoky and meaty notes support the luxurious red and black fruit. Concentrated and complex. Drink 2020-2028.

V7836B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£135.00**

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Domaine Marc Sorrel

MARC SORREL



Marc had been talking about retiring for a while, and has now officially retired as of 1st January this year. His son Guillaume, who has already proven his winemaking credentials in the region, has been ready and waiting in the wings for some time and has taken the reins. Marc was very happy to finish on what he calls two “great” final vintages. They weren’t without their challenges, however, with cold weather during budding impacting yields in 2017, and one of the warmest vintages he can remember in ’18. Marc compares ’17 to ’15, which he thought was one of his greatest vintages thanks to its combination of elegance and concentration.

White

2017 HERMITAGE BLANC

The grapes here come from a parcel of 1990s Roussanne in Les Greffieux, which is only aged in old oak barrels. Rich and ripe stone-fruit drives the wine’s aromatic expression, but grapefruit pith and chalky mineral notes underpin it. Drink now to 2026.

V8330B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£390.00**

2017 HERMITAGE BLANC, LES ROCOULES

The step up here is immediately apparent in terms of the wine’s greater concentration, texture and length. Thanks to vines that are over 60 years old, with southern exposition on limestone soils and *élevage* in old oak barrels for 18 months, this wine’s generosity and persistence on the finish is exquisite. The notable beeswax character is thanks to the small addition of Roussanne (8%). The *cuvée* has a nervy and mineral edge despite its broad and ripe character. Drink 2020-2030.

V7805B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£612.00**

Red

2017 HERMITAGE ROUGE

Yields were exceptionally low this year (15hl/ha) with only five of the usual 10 barrels being filled. Grapes come from two vineyards, the majority from Plantier in Tain (85%) and the rest from Bessards. Deep purple in colour, the nose offers violet, dark plum and black cherry notes. The rich mouth-feel has powdery tannins and a vibrant, refreshing core. Drink 2020-2035.

V7804B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£390.00**

2017 HERMITAGE ROUGE, LE GRÉAL

This wine’s innate quality is easy to comprehend, even in its relative youth. Violet and rose perfume top notes are supported by wild strawberry and cranberry fruit. The palate is dense and silky, creating a sense of luxury that extends onto the finish. The wine has a mineral core with subtle herbal scents. Firm, chalky tannins provide the main structural support. A wine which is built for the long term. Drink 2021-2040.

V7806B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£612.00**

Domaine du Tunnel

STÉPHANE ROBERT



*The magnificent railway tunnel that gives its name to the estate has now been excavated and converted into a photogenic and naturally temperature-controlled winery. Although Stéphane is more vocal in his appreciation for both the 2016 and ’18 vintages, he regards the ’17s as juicy in profile with an accessibility. Heat and drought conditions in 2017 have reduced quantities by up to 50% here, and as a result he made no *Pur Noir* this vintage.*

White

2017 ST PÉRAY, CUVÉE PRESTIGE

This is 100% Roussanne this year, leading to a more citrus-driven profile. Honey and quince aromas are supported by a waxy core and full body. Richness defines this vintage, but the acidity remains crisp and its glossier style doesn’t detract from the wine’s energy. Drink now to 2025.

V7798B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£117.00**

Red

2017 CORNAS

This displays perfect typicity, with its rustic charm. Originating from 15 parcels within Cornas, the vines’ age ranging between 20 and 80, the wine has layers of complexity and mid-palate concentration. Primarily savoury, it offers smoke, tar and graphite notes as well as the traditional bramble fruit one would expect. Garrigue herbs are evident in the glass and the tannins are complementary in their grip. Drink 2020-2029.

V7799B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£162.00**

2017 CORNAS, VIN NOIR

This wine is unapologetic in its bold and assertive exterior. It is insanely powerful – with a density of black berry and plum fruit, overt pepper and liquorice spice, combining with iodine and tapenade aromas. There is so much to say about its flavour profile that it currently takes centre stage, but its significant tannin structure and juicy acidity will ensure its longevity. Drink 2020-2035.

V7800B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£210.00**

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Vincent Paris

VINCENT PARIS



Thanks to Vincent's work at the head of the Syndicat of Cornas, the region is very much back in fashion and he has now left this role to focus on his vines. Having started as a vigneron in 1997, he is now the proud owner of eight hectares across the appellation, some of which are situated on the perilously steep slopes at the top of the hill, looking down on the village itself. His wines are always very well balanced, offering both freshness and concentration, and the 2017 vintage played to his advantage, fitting his style neatly while also providing excellent yields. His first two cuvées are made with almost entirely de-stemmed fruit, but his prestigious La Geynale is made entirely with whole-bunch, giving it more body and "crunch" – promising a long, rewarding life in the cellar.

Red

2017 CORNAS, GRANIT 30

This *cuvée* is made with fruit from Vincent's vines based on the lower slopes near the village as well as some from the Patou *lieu-dit*. The wine is very generous, with bramble and blueberry fruit. The vintage plays well to Vincent's house style, with fine tannins and good acidity producing a wine of elegance and charm. Drink 2020-2026.

V7862B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£114.00**

2017 CORNAS, GRANIT 60

The fruit for this, as its name indicates, comes from much steeper slopes, which are at an average gradient of 60 degrees. The wine itself is dark in fruit, with a prominent mineral character and good floral lift. Some whole-bunch (30%) provides richer, more structured tannins but they are kept in check by lovely acidity. Drink 2020-2028.

V7863B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£162.00**

2017 CORNAS, LA GEYNALE

Here the fruit is from a single plot, where the vines average over 100 years in age, and it sees 100% whole-bunch fermentation. Low yields provide a wonderful concentration of fruit set against a structured tannic background, and yet more elegance from the vibrant acidity. Along with generous fruit, the finish has delightful notes of fresh herbs and violets. Drink 2020-2030.

V7864B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£210.00**

Domaine Dumien Serrette

NICOLAS SERRETTE



Owner/winemaker Nicolas Serrette has taken over from his father, who is still very much involved in this small estate – with only 1.5 hectares, total production is around 5,000 bottles. Only one wine is produced, from the Patou vineyard from 1925 plantings, and with production down 15% in 2017, volumes are even more limited this year.

Red

2017 CORNAS, PATOU

Nicolas de-stemmed 20% in 2017 (compared to 50% in '16) and there is definitely a floral top note that can be distinguished in the wine as a result of the 80% whole-bunch fermentation. Raspberry and red liquorice notes are heavily supported by a more earthy and rustic element, with meaty, graphite and cedar aromas. The tannins are powdery, almost Italian and dusty in character. Drink 2020-2028.

V7900B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£144.00**



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Report

夏の気温が容易に40度を超すような暑いヴィンテージでしたが、核に湛えた密度と凝縮感にもかかわらず、驚くほどにバランスが取れて躍動感にも溢れ、アルコール度数も抑えられています。造り手達は、先の2ヴィンテージと比較して、2017年は2015年よりも凝縮感がありながら、2016年ほどパワフルではないと評していました。ヴァンサン・アヴリルは自身のワインを、1990年や2010年などのリッチかつ熟成させる価値のある良年と共通点がある、と述べています。

グルナッシュの花振りが収量減の最大の要因でしたが、離れた場所にある畑では雹害が発生した箇所もあり、特にヴュー・テレグラフでは被害があったようです。感覚の優れた生産者は、酸味を保つために早めにブドウを収穫し、特に白に関しては、マロラクティック発酵の発生を防ぎました。

2017年の厚い果皮からくるタンニンはどうコントロールするかは、南の生産者の多くが口にした話題でした。抽出を最小限にすることでタンニンのストラクチャーを繊細にすることができますが、特にドメーヌ・ドゥ・マルクーのシャトーヌフ＝デュ＝パプが、この点巧みでした。グルナッシュのブレンド比率が減り、必然的にシラーやムールヴェードルが増えたことと、温暖な気候条件が重なり、堅牢なタンニンとふんだんなガリーグやスパイス、黒色系ベリーのニュアンスを持つ、深い色調で広がりのあるジューシーな口当たりのワインが出来上がりました。

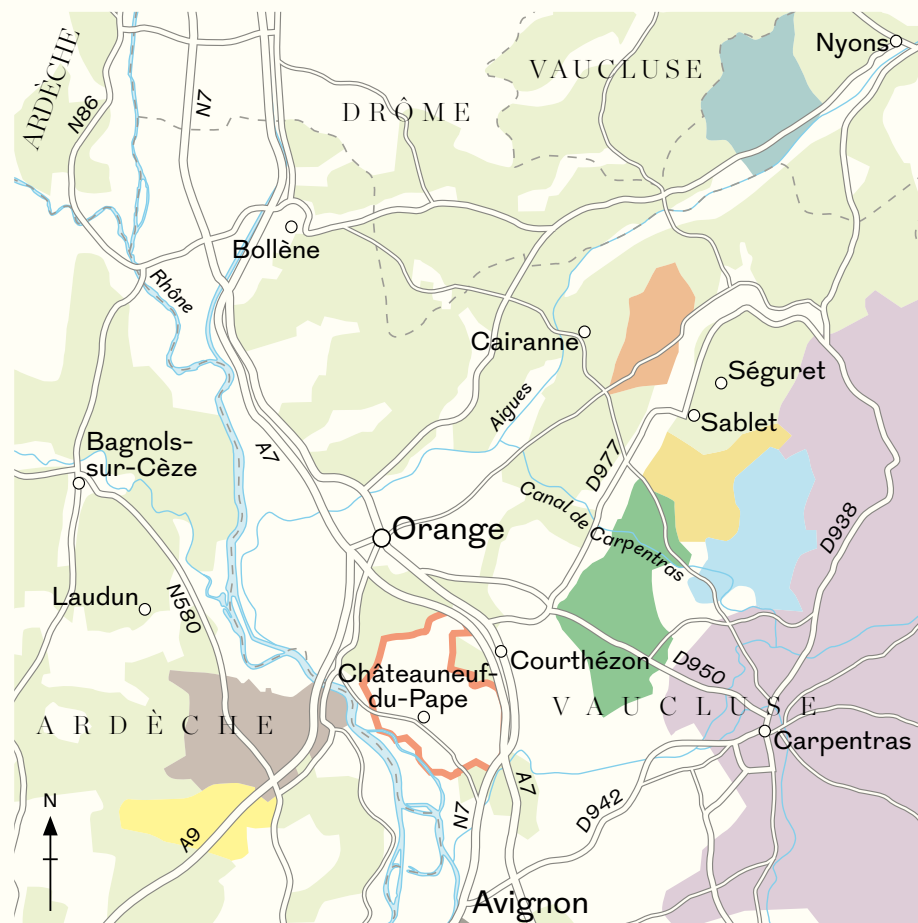
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SOUTHERN RHÔNE VILLAGES

The vast AOC of the Côtes du Rhône followed the example set by Beaujolais in the late 1960s to single out individual village communes which had demonstrated a knack for high quality. Since then, several have been further rewarded with their own AOCs: Gigondas in 1971, Vacqueyras in 1990, followed by Vinsobres and Beaufort de Venise in 2006, Rasteau in 2010 and, most recently, by Cairanne in 2016. All are excellent sources of wine in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape mould, principally using Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, albeit with an identity of their own. Gigondas, at higher altitude, can show a certain elegance in texture, while keeping its rugged, herby aromas; Vacqueyras delivers concentration and rustic charm; Vinsobres, currently *de rigueur*, often shows to be the most fine, linear style, also being from high altitude. Beaufort de Venise, more famous for its Vin Doux Naturel, can produce characterful reds from its higher vineyards, while Rasteau and Cairanne offer weighty, rich styles which can rival Châteauneuf itself.



KEY

- Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages
- Tavel
- Lirac
- Vacqueyras
- Beaufort de Venise
- Gigondas
- Rasteau
- Vinsobres
- Côtes de Ventoux
- Châteauneuf-du-Pape, see detailed map

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La Bastide Saint Vincent

LAURENT DANIEL



“The quiet man of Violès” may not be an entirely catchy sobriquet, but it seems to capture something of the Laurent Daniel approach. We have worked with him for a long time, investing our faith because of his inherent understanding of how to get the best out of these challenging vineyards – producing wines that offer a subtle juxtaposition of sweet approachability and the darker more “sauvage” elements which have always provided the most fundamental albeit sometimes perverse appeal.

The 2016 vintage, which Laurent described as one of the best he has ever made, was always going to be hard to beat, but the 2017 should be commended for its vibrancy and energy. Luckily his Gigondas escaped any flowering issues, while he lost an average 40% on his other vineyard plantings.

Red

2017 CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROUGE

This has an accessible, juicy and spicy profile from the Grenache (65%) and Syrah (30%), with a savoury, meaty note thanks to the 5% Mourvèdre. The wine shows great typicity, with a ripe black-fruit character combined with slightly rustic tannins. Drink now to 2021.

V8190B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£60.00**

2017 VACQUEYRAS, PAVANE

Laurent has increased his vineyard holdings in Vacqueyras by 1.5 hectares. The eight-hectare total, spread over several parcels, makes up this blend of Grenache (65%), Mourvèdre (20%) and Syrah (15%). Dark plum and red cherry notes take on a supporting role in relation to a dominant herbal character, with hints of lavender. The rich and concentrated core is balanced by juicy acidity and firm, powdery tannins. Drink now to 2023.

V7851B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£102.00**

2017 GIGONDAS

This is a wonderful example of what good-value Gigondas can offer. The intensity of aromatics with liquorice, kirsch, rosemary and thyme is inviting and persists on the finish. While the fruit concentration is powerful, there is a touch of sweetness and spice on the mid-palate, the tannins powdery and firm, providing balance and focus. Drink now to 2024.

V7850B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£126.00**

Domaine Dieu-le-fit

RÉMI POUZIN



Demeter accredited from 2016, Rémi and Géraldine are at the top of their game, and we are delighted to be working with them for our own-label Côtes du Rhône. Rémi inherited the majority of his vineyards from the property known as Fourmente, and built his own winery in the centre of the village. There is honesty and integrity in everything the couple does, and they are worthy torch-bearers for this increasingly popular village, located in the northern half of the patchwork of named villages, not that far from Vinsobres. Their wines are given branded names because they are essentially assembled from different plots, with red clay and pudding stones at the lower altitudes, then "saffre" (sandstone) just above the village itself, and more varied garrigue-strewn soils on the plateau which heads in the direction of Rasteau. Rémi is very happy with the accessibility of the 2017 vintage.

Red

2017 CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES ROUGE, VISAN, GARRIGUES

A blend of 90% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre, this wine is back in 2017 – not having been made in 2016 due to poor flowering. It offers a complex blend of wild strawberries, red cherries and sweet-spice undertones. There is a density and concentration to the nose, neatly balanced by a silky texture and chalky, firm tannins. Drink now to 2026.

V8216B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£96.00**

Domaine des Escaravailles

GILLES FERRAN



Red

2017 CAIRANNE, LE VENTABREN

The Carignan here is harvested with the Syrah and Grenache. The grapes are all de-stemmed and co-fermented. The nose offers really pretty red-berry fruit alongside a meaty note. On the palate, there is more of Escaravailles's trademark earthy fruit notes, with firm medium tannins and a supple mineral finish. Drink now to 2025.

V7883B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£51.00**

2017 RASTEAU, LA PONCE

The vines' reasonably high-altitude location preserves the grapes' freshness for this powerful Rasteau. The Grenache is unoaked, but the Syrah sees a little wood, adding a layer of complexity. The palate displays powerful blackberry fruit and a hint of lavender. The tannins are abundant but very fine, with a nice floral lift on the finish. Drink now to 2025.

V7882B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£114.00**

Escaravailles is located high in the picturesque hills behind the villages of Roaix and Rasteau. The vines enjoy a special microclimate (relatively warm despite the altitude), with exceptional exposition and soils which are dominated by red and blue clay. Gilles Ferran inherited most of his vines, which were mainly planted by his grandfather, a pioneer who understood the area's potential and great terroir. Like many, in 2017 the property had particularly low yields, translating into dark, richly tannic wines that still manage to retain their freshness.

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CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

The most celebrated village of the Southern Rhône, Châteauneuf-du-Pape is the birthplace of the now indispensable French Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée system — imperfect though it may be. Compared to the Northern Rhône, the vineyards here are relatively flat and often feature the iconic *galet* pebbles — the precise benefits of which are a source of much debate. Minimum alcohol levels required by the AOC are the highest in France, but at 12.5% it is well below the natural generosity of Grenache, which only achieves its full aromatic potential when it is fully ripe and laden with the resultant high sugars. Syrah and Mourvèdre contribute the other defining elements in the blend, adding pepper, savoury spice and structure to the decadent Grenache. There are a further 10 permitted red grape varieties which can be used to adjust the “seasoning”. Of the five white varieties permitted, it is Grenache Noir's sibling — predictably perhaps — Grenache Blanc, which dominates, though Roussanne shows a great deal of promise when handled well, notably at Château de Beaucastel.



KEY

-  Land above 100m
-  La Crau Vineyards
-  AOC Zone
-  Commune border

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Château de Beaucastel

MARC PERRIN



Château de Beaucastel is one of the most consistently impressive properties in the South of France and a worthy flag-bearer for its famous appellation. Marc Perrin commented that harvest was very early in 2017 due to the vintage's dry conditions, with not a single drop of rain for six months during the growing season. Combined with some parcels suffering frost damage and "coulure" it was certainly an eventful year, luckily one that ended with some very good wines.

White

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC ROUSSANNE, VIELLES VIGNES

Pure Roussanne, this is rich but certainly not blousy or lacking definition. This wine never fails to excite; it's just a shame that so little is made. Honey, apricot, camomile and orange blossom support the spice and toasty notes (thanks to 30% spending eight months in oak). Still rather youthful, it has plenty of soul to develop in bottle for some time. Drink now to 2032.

V6671B 3 x 75cl bottles in bond **£285.00**

Red

2017 CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROUGE, COUDOLET DE BEAUCASTEL

This younger sibling consistently goes beyond what is expected for a Côtes du Rhône. The 2017 is much juicier and richer in style than '16. In '16, the chalky acidity was much more pronounced, which in '17 has been replaced with slightly more emphasis on tannins. Red cherries, blueberries and plums are supported by fig, cedar, fennel and sweet spice. Drink now to 2027.

V6505B 12 x 75cl bottles in bond **£150.00**

V6454M 6 x 150cl magnums in bond **£156.00**

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE

Sweet red-fruit compôte takes centre stage, complemented by a spicy profile. Cherry liqueur and firm tannins continue on the palate, but the tannins don't stand out, offering the perfect framework for the concentration and richness at the core of this wine. Glimpses of thyme and black olive hint at the evolution to come. Drink now to 2029.

V6668B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£240.00**



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Domaine des Sénéchaux

JEAN-CHARLES CAZES



Sénéchaux is an excellent example of how a large “alien” concern – in this case the Cazes family of Ch. Lynch-Bages in Bordeaux – should manage its purchase, namely by investing as and where necessary, but not forsaking the historical essence of the domaine, personified here by the long-standing régisseur Bernard Tranchecoste. Bernard believes that 2017 offers great potential, as the third in a high-quality trio of vintages, along with '15 and '16. Although they suffered extreme losses of over 45% for their Grenache, they are extremely happy with the quality.

White

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC

There is slightly more Roussanne in the blend this year, with roughly a third Roussanne, Clairette and Grenache Blanc, along with a small percentage of Bourboulenc. Floral acacia aromas with peach, pear and orange blossom are supported by sweet spice and exotic fruits. The richness and glycerol texture is in balance with the refreshing acidity and zesty palate. Drink now to 2023.

V7861B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£120.00**

Red

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE

The Grenache (47%) gives aromas of raspberry, cherry and sweet spice, with Syrah (32%), Mourvèdre (19%) and Cinsault (2%) all contributing to this year's *assemblage*. The juiciness of the vintage is apparent, and the wine demonstrates a recognisable polish that has really emphasised its quality over the last couple of vintages. Drink now to 2024.

V7860B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£129.00**

Domaine Raymond Usseglio

STÉPHANE USSEGLIO



Stéphane Usseglio has really come of age, his full biodynamic accreditation manifested in both a regime of earlier harvesting, and more focus and depth in his range. Stéphane speaks very highly of the 2017 vintage, feeling that the wines have great concentration, demonstrated by the notably dense colour of the Grenache this year. Although drought pressures have reduced volumes, the quality of the juice is significant and, paradoxically, the wines display wonderful freshness.

White

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC, PURE ROUSSANNE

This 100% Roussanne fermented in barrel is quite frankly rather delicious. As you would expect from this luxurious vintage, this wine certainly isn't shy, with a weightiness derived from its waxy texture. Ripe stone-fruit combined with notes of honey provide an enjoyable contrast with its bright acidity and herbal top note. Drink now to 2029.

V7810B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£198.00**

Red

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE

This is opulent with ripe black fruit and spice. Liquorice and meaty notes come courtesy of the Mourvèdre, but the mix of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault and Counoise all contribute to this well-rounded wine. New French oak (30%) adds cedar spice, needing a little time to integrate fully. The rest is aged in concrete which explains the purity of fruit that underpins this wine. Drink 2020-2030.

V7808B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£108.00**

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE, CUVÉE IMPÉRIALE

Fruit from over 100-year-old vines explains the concentration and intensity of this wine, with flowers and fresh cherries. Hints of bramble fruit and a juicy core provide a generosity and richness that can be attributed to the vintage and the sheer class of the fruit. The lack of oak used throughout the vinification allows the well-defined fruit and the high-quality, chalky but well-managed tannins to express themselves. Drink 2021-2038.

V7809B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£207.00**

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE, LA PART DES ANGES

This Mourvèdre-dominated blend (70%) is Stéphane's most exuberant wine – and unashamedly so. It is dark and brooding, with the garrigue, black olive and meaty core lifted by some violet spice. The vanilla and robust tannin structure are symptoms of the oak maturation, but within a couple of years these will mellow graciously. Drink 2021-2038.

V7811B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£198.00**

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Château la Nerthe

RALPH GARCIN



Since young and dynamic winemaker Ralph Garcin joined the estate and made his first vintage in 2016, small yet significant changes have been made here. Ralph has introduced vinification by plot, investing in smaller fermentation tanks and larger ageing vessels to showcase the quality of the fruit in the cellar. He's also been making improvements to their viticultural practices, such as introducing organic farming. He noted that 2017 was hotter than both '15 and '16, but the heat only really impacted those vineyards with sandy soils.

White

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC

Grenache Blanc makes up 40% of the blend this year, compared to only 24% in 2016, giving the wine an attractive liquorice and dill note. Roussanne (38%), Clairette Blanc (18%) and Bourboulenc make up the balance. La Nerthe's practice of blocking malolactic on the whites often gives them a lift of acidity, although this was less of an issue in 2018 with its cooler weather. The resulting wine is very saline on the attack, with pineapple and white peach aromas. Drink now to 2025.

V7812B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£156.00**

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE BLANC, CLOS DE BEAUVENIR

Made up entirely of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc this year, volumes are limited for this *cuvée* which is only produced in certain vintages. The wine is richer and denser in profile compared to the straight Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, largely due to being aged exclusively in oak (50% new) and on its lees. An exotic aromatic profile of apricot and tangerine is combined with a creamy texture, providing weight and power, but the phenolic grip on the finish provides definition and focus. Drink now to 2026.

V8214B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£360.00**

Red

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE

Syrah takes the leading role this year, accounting for 36% of the *assemblage*, with a third each of Grenache and Mourvèdre, and Cinsault completing the blend. Ralph's strong connection to Syrah from his Jaboulet tenure has meant that this is one of the stronger wines of the vintage with real complexity and energy. A graphite core is combined with purple fruit and liquorice spice, while the generosity of the vintage comes through with a juicy breadth on the mid-palate. Drink 2020-2032.

V7814B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£168.00**

2017 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE, CUVÉE DES CADETTES

Coming from 80-year-old vines, in three of the oldest plots owned by the *domaine*, this *cuvée* consists of Grenache (50%), Syrah (30%) and Mourvèdre (20%). Cherry liqueur, redcurrants and juicy red plum notes are supported by savoury, meaty notes, giving the wine a dense core, as well as breadth on the palate. The chalky tannins give a layer of complexity as well as balance and the finish continues for some time. Drink 2021-2035.

V7815B 6 x 75cl bottles in bond **£402.00**



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PRICES

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CLOSING DATE

The Rhône 2017 *En Primeur* offer starts at 9am on Friday 8th March 2019 and ends at 6pm on Friday 12th April 2019, subject to stocks remaining unsold.

AVAILABILITY AND QUANTITIES

Orders are accepted subject to stocks remaining unsold. Stocks of certain wines may need to be allocated subject to demand. A case comprises 3/6/12 x 75cl bottles or 1/3/6 x 150cl magnums, as stated. Larger-format bottles may be available. For further details, please contact the Fine Wine team on 03-3518-6730.

HOW TO PAY

We are happy to accept payment by cash, cheque, Mastercard, American Express, Visa, Delta, or Maestro. Cheques should be made payable to Berry Bros. & Rudd.

INSURANCE AND OWNERSHIP

We will remain responsible for insuring the wine at the original invoice value until your delivery and/or storage instructions have been completed. Ownership of the wines will pass on settlement of all outstanding charges.

SHIPPING

It is anticipated that the wines will be shipped from late spring 2019 to early 2020.

DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Following shipment, your wines, by default, will be stored in bond in our Customers' Private Reserves.

Once the wines are in your Private Reserve we will notify you by email. On receipt of your delivery notification email or the subsequent invoice for rent, if you would like your wine delivered straight away we can arrange this as per our normal delivery terms. Any rent charged on wines withdrawn within 30 days of the date of invoice for rent will be credited. Customers who elect to take their wine out of bond, whether for delivery or for storage duty paid, will be required to pay duty and VAT at the prevailing rates at the time of delivery. These rates are currently £26.78 per case of 12 x 75cl bottles (nine litres) for duty and 20 percent for VAT on the original cost and duty*. Customers storing wine in bond or duty paid in Customers' Private Reserves will be required to pay rent at the prevailing rate (this is currently £12 including VAT per case per annum*). Please note that wines bought in bond and *en primeur*, and wines stored in Customers' Private Reserves are delivered free of charge when the original purchase value of the wines is more than £100 (including duty and VAT). *Correct as of March 2019.

ORDER CANCELLATION

Please note that in bond *en primeur* orders can be cancelled within seven working days of placing the order. A full refund of the purchase price of the wines will be given on receipt of formal notification in writing of cancellation of the order. Due to the unique nature of *en primeur* sales we regret that orders cannot be cancelled after this time.

All purchases of wines and spirits and other goods and services from Berry Bros. & Rudd are subject to Berry Bros. & Rudd's standard terms of sale in addition to any terms stated in this brochure.

These terms and conditions can be viewed at www.bbr.com/terms, by emailing your request to bbr@bbr.com or by telephoning 0800 280 2440.



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