



Rhône 2016

En Primeur Offer

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Fondres at Domaine du Gayron, Gigondas

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“As to whether 2016 will become known as one of the greatest vintages of all time, the answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind: making such predictions at this early stage is the stuff of madness. But there's no doubt that the best examples have a glorious future ahead of them”. **Richard Hemming MW, Jancis Robinson.com November 2017**

After the success of the 2015 vintage, there has been an overdue upsurge of interest in classic Rhône wines. We think they are outstanding value. In the nineteenth century, Hermitage commanded the same price as Lafite or Romanee Conti but today rarely reaches a twentieth the value of those illustrious names. Driving south from Lyon, signposts for the most famous appellations flash by (Côte Rotie, Condrieu, St Joseph...) illustrating just how small these appellations are. At just 276 hectares, Côte Rotie is dwarfed by the larger Bordeaux estates (Lafite alone has 100 hectares!). Hermitage is even smaller, with just 136 hectares, sub-divided into small plots. Given this rarity, it's great fortune for us that the wines do not (yet!) have the same worldwide following as Bordeaux and Burgundy.

In the South, even greater bargains to be had. The quest for ever cheaper 'Neuf-du-Pape in UK supermarkets has overshadowed the tremendous power and complexity which can be found in the best wines, both here and in the neighbouring villages.

“Some of the smartest buys are in Vacqueyras and (especially) Gigondas, where there are far fewer poseur cuvées, and where fruit succulence can often equal that of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.” **Richard Hemming MW, Jancis Robinson.com**

The weather in 2016

Northern Rhône – the year began poorly with a wet and cloudy spring and hail in Hermitage in April, reducing yields dramatically. In July the weather turned hot and dry, stressing the vines and delaying ripening until early September when rainfall arrived in the nick of time. Happily, the good weather held until early October, making for a late harvest date but critically allowing some vital extra time for ripening.

Southern Rhône – conditions here were almost perfect. Spring was drier than in the North and summer arrived early. In August, hot days alternated with cool nights and just sufficient rainfall to keep the vines hydrated. The result is exceptional colour and tannins in the Syrah in particular.

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Stock is currently lying ex cellars in France, wines due to land in the UK in late 2018. Prices are shown in bond (IB) London per 6 bts (unless stated otherwise). Onward delivery to home address is not included. Stock and orders are subject to confirmation.



Harvest at Clusel-Roch, Côte Rotie

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Northern Rhône

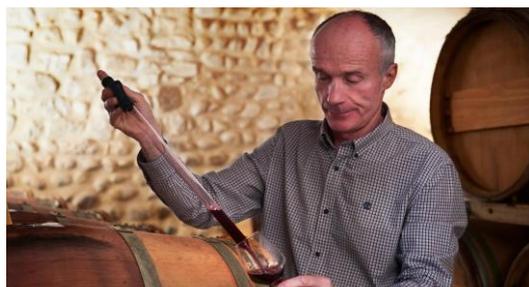
Domaine Pochon, *Chanos-Chanson, Crozes-Hermitage*

Etienne Pochon has made and bottled his own wine at this 16 hectare family domaine since taking over in the late eighties, when he began bottling at the domaine (rather than supplying to the local cooperative). Partly aged in large oak foudres and partly in tank, the wines are fresh and structured.

Crozes-Hermitage 2016

6 bts

£50



Etienne Pochon

Domaine du Colombier, *Mercuriol, Tain*

Winemaker Florent Viale continues to grow the reputation of his family's domaine, aging the Hermitage wines for up to a year and a half before release in larger oak barrels (tonneaux) which allows the terroir to express itself. Never using more than 20% new oak, Florent's wines are elegant despite their power and concentration.

Crozes-Hermitage 2016

6 bts £65

Hermitage 2016

6 bts £228



Florent Viale

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Niero, Condrieu

Domaine Rémi Niero is a small family owned estate producing traditional wines with great concentration of flavours in both Condrieu and Côte Rôtie's appellations. With only 40% of the wine spending 12 months in oak barrels, 'Les Ravines' shows pure and delicate stone fruit aromas with hints of honey and mint. Rich on the palate with great concentration of fruits and mineral notes.

Condrieu 'Les Ravines' 2016

6 bts £145



Remi & Robert Niero, Domaine Niero

Domaine Rostaing, Ampuis

Rene Rostaing has owned 2 hectares in Côte Rotie since the 1970s, but in later years has inherited more, now owning a substantial 7.4 hectares. He destems his fruit and ages the young wines in no more than 15% new oak, without filtration. One of the great names of Côte Rotie, the wines are always highly sought after.

Côte Rôtie Cu 'Ampodium' 2016

6 bts £240



Pierre & Rene Rostaing

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Domaine Garon, Ampuis

This domaine owns 5 hectares of vines in Côte Rotie. The wines are aged on average in 30% new oak barrels for 18-24 months, but exact figures vary from cuvee to cuvee. The Lancement lieu dit is on the Côte Blonde and here the wines see up to 50% new oak, for up to 36 months. Les Triotes receives a little less time, 18-20 months in up to 25% new barrels. Les Rochins is from parcels of vines on Côte Brune soils.

Côte Rôtie 'Les Triotes' 2016	6 bts	£155
Côte Rôtie 'Les Rochins' 2016	6 bts	£260
Côte Rôtie 'Lancement' 2016	6 bts	£405



Domaine Garon, Ampuis

Domaine Clusel-Roch, Ampuis

The Clusel-Roch family own 5 hectares in Côte-Rotie which they farm organically, working in the steep vineyards by hand and using donkeys. Yields are some of the lowest in the region and the fermentation and extraction is very gentle (using naturally occurring yeasts) to give elegant, complex wines.

Côte Rôtie 2016	6 bts	£175
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Harvesting on the steep Côte Rôtie slopes at Domaine Clusel-Roch

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Southern Rhône

Domaine du Cayron, *Gigondas*

Michel Faraud has handed over the running of this domaine to his 3 daughters, Delphine, Sandrine and Rosaline. They produce one of the benchmark wines of the appellation, rich and with a great lifespan. Yields from the 40 year old vines are kept very low – just 30 hl/ha. The wines are unfinned and unfiltered, simply resting for a year in large wooden casks. 78% Grenache, 14% Syrah, 6% Cinsault, 2% Mourvedre.

Gigondas 2016	6 bts	£90
Gigondas 2016 - magnum (150cl)	3 x 150cl	£110
Gigondas 2016 - double magnums (300cl)	1 x 300cl	£65



Domaine du Cayron, Gigondas

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Domaine Font de Michelle, *Chateauneuf-du-Pape*

Guillaume Gonnet is a frequent visitor to Davy's in London, showing his wines at our annual Vintners' Hall tastings and elsewhere. His winemaking is a return to the style of wines favoured by his father, showing tremendous purity of fruit with very low intervention. 70% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvedre, 10% Cinsault, aged in a myriad of cement vats, old foudres and demi-muids (600-800 litre barrels). The Cuvee Etienne Gonnet is named after Guillaume's grandfather, a one-time mayor of Chateauneuf-du-Pape. Made from very old vines, some more than 110 years of age. 70% Grenache, 15% Mourvedree, 15% Syrah.

Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Font de Michelle' 2016	6 bts	£115
Chateauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee Etienne Gonnet 2016	6 bts	£195



Guillaume Gonnet, Domaine Font de Michelle

Domaine Le Bosquet des Papes, *Chateauneuf-du-Pape*

The Boiron family have made wine at this domaine since 1860. They have 40 distinct parcels of vines, spread across 32 hectares. Average vine age is 50 years but there is a parcel of 100 year old vines used for the Chante Merle. Nicolas Boiron makes wines for long aging, to reach maturity at around 6-7 years. The cellar has a mixture of foudres and demi-muids.

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(Domaine Bosquet des Papes cont.....)

Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2016	6 bts	£120
Chateauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee 'Chante le Merle' 2016	6 bts	£185



Nicolas Boiron of Bosquet des Papes

Château des Roques, Vacqueyras

Château des Roques lies on the rocky plateau of 'Des Roques', a hamlet on the outskirts of Vacqueyras. Owned and run by the Seroul family since 1997, the estate is managed traditionally using natural fertilizers, tailored treatments and harvest is done by hand. Eclipsed to some extent by the wines from its more illustrious neighbours, Gigondas and Chateauneuf, Vacqueyras has plenty to offer and deserves to be much better known. The vineyard covers 38 hectares and has an average age of 40 years old vine. It is planted with Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre for the reds.

Vacqueyras 2016	6 bts	£45
Vacqueyras 2016 – Magnum (150cl)	3 x 150cl	£60
Vacqueyras 2016 – Double magnum (300cl)	1 x 300cl	£42



Château des Roques, Vacqueyras

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Domaine Delubac, *Cairanne*

Brothers Bruno and Vincent Delubac are ebullient, larger than life characters and their wines reflect their personalities. Their Cairanne is a 50:50 Syrah Grenache blend., aged in a mix of small and large oak barrels.

Cairanne 2016

6 bts £45



Bruno & Vincent Delubac

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Rhône 2016 – ORDER FORM

All wines offered on allocation, we will contact you to confirm your allocation. Prices shown exclude UK duty and VAT, payable at the prevailing rate on release from bond. Onward delivery is not included.

Quantity	Description	Quantity	Total
	Domaine Pochon Crozes-Hermitage 2016	6 bts	£50
	Domaine du Colombier Crozes-Hermitage 2016	6 bts	£65
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	Domaine Niero, Condrieu 'Les Ravines' 2016	6 bts	£145
	Domaine Rostaing, Côte Rôtie 'Ampodium' 2016	6 bts	£240
	Domaine Garon Côte Rôtie 'Les Triotes' 2016	6 bts	£155
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	Domaine Garon Côte Rôtie 'Lancement' 2016	6 bts	£405
	Domaine Clusel-Roch Côte Rôtie 2016	6 bts	£175
	Domaine du Cayron Gigondas 2016	6 bts	£90
	Domaine du Cayron Gigondas - magnum (150cl)	3 mags	£110
	Domaine du Cayron Gigondas - double magnums (300cl)	1 Dmg	£65
	Domaine Font de Michelle Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Font de Michelle' 2016	6 bts	£115
	Domaine Font de Michelle Chateauneuf-du-Pape 'Etienne Gonnet' 2016	6 bts	£195
	Domaine Le Bosquet des Papes, Chateauneuf-du-Pape 2016	6 bts	£120
	Domaine Le Bosquet des Papes, Chateauneuf-du-Pape Cuvee 'Chante le Merle'	6 bts	£185
	Château des Roques Vacqueyras 2016	6 bts	£45
	Château des Roques Vacqueyras 2016 – magnum 150cl	3 mags	£60
	Château des Roques Vacqueyras 2016 – double magnum 300cl	1 Dmg	£42
	Domaine Delubac Cairanne 2016	6 bts	£45

TOTAL £

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