



## Rhône Primeur Offer: Celebrating two great vintages and two brilliant new producers

We haven't been this excited by a Rhône offer since the legendary 2010 vintage. It has absolutely everything – pure, juicy and downright drinkable 2016s, some outstanding late-release 2015 Northern Rhône, and two brilliant new producers in Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux and Domaine Rémi Niero.

Whether you have historically been a fan of the Rhône or not, this offer deserves your attention. These are some of France's finest wines and from two critically-acclaimed vintages that genuinely deserve the epithet of greatness. Don't forget, almost all these are available for less than £30 a bottle in-bond – you won't find much in Burgundy or Bordeaux that even gets close to matching this for quality and value.

*'If you have any enthusiasm at all for red Rhône, 2015 is a vintage not to be missed.'*  
*Jancis Robinson*

*'The good news is that almost all the appellations excelled, and there's a wealth of outstanding wines. It's almost impossible to find a bad wine, and the top wines are full-bodied, pure and concentrated, with notable tannin.'*

*Jeb Dunnuck, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) on Southern Rhone 2015*

*'The Elegant and Lively 2015s and Heavenly 2016s'* *Jeb Dunnuck, [www.jebdunnuck.com](http://www.jebdunnuck.com) on Southern Rhône 2015*

## Northern Rhône

The Northern Rhône is a relatively tiny viticultural area, but one which it would be foolish to ignore. We have a particular fondness for Côte Rôtie, a wine which at its best has none of the occasional rusticity of Cornas (or even Hermitage), but is elegant, with fine tannins and coolly expressive fruit which can be a joy young, but which, with age, can make some of the most complex and interesting wines on the planet. In addition, Côte Rôtie has generally avoided

the extreme price rises of the fine wine market in the last decade, and now represents startling value for money, with world class wines starting at well under £30 a bottle in bond.

In addition, the two most recent vintages available, 2015 and 2016, were extremely successful, the former making denser wines which will age well and rival the 1999s. (A 1999 Côte Rôtie from Clusel-Roch, tasted blind, thrilled at a recent L&S dinner and was declared wine of the night against stiff opposition from Burgundy, Bordeaux and Italy). The 2016s, which seem to be a slightly earlier maturing vintage, lack nothing in the way of concentration but have an extraordinary elegance and finesse, attributes which are part of the unique calling card of this appellation. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it in his report (JebDunnuck.com) *'Where the 2015s are deep, rich, and powerful, the 2016s shine for their purity, elegance, and balance, while still showing good depth of fruit, awesome purity, and sweet tannin.'*

It is perhaps worth pointing out that while the southern Rhône, with its dominant Grenache, can make wines which push the boundaries of acceptable alcohol levels for some people (even if this alcohol is well-integrated and really does not show in the 2016s), the Syrahs of Côte Rôtie rarely attain 13.5%, and are often nearer 12.5%, so those who prefer to buy wines with lower alcohol should have no fear of these. It is the concentration of flavours at these moderate alcohol levels which can add to the sensation of understated power, elegance and insinuating charm.

The more peripheral appellations of Saint Joseph and Crozes Hermitage should also not be ignored, as again, these can offer great value – often better value than some of the more ambitiously-priced wines of the Languedoc made from similar blends of grapes.

'Fabulous 2015s and Sexy 2016s'

Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com)

'2015 is a truly sensational vintage that should not be missed by any Rhône lover out there'

Jeb Dunnuck, [jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)

## Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

Founded by Frédéric Caillet, the great-grandfather of brothers Benjamin and David in 1928, and then developed by their father Edmond, the domaine consists of 5.8 hectares of vines above Tupin et Semons, in the southern end of the Côte Rôtie appellation, where the bedrock is gneiss. As they say, they are aiming to make the elegant style of wine which this rocky vineyard produces - and they certainly succeed. The Chana is a cuvée that is simply a 'gourmandise', supple, aromatic, fresh, pure. The Germine and the Maison Rouge are more structured, and while they can be drunk young, they will give their best with some age. The Domaine has also produced a small volume of Condrieu since 2014. The wine-making is gentle, there is 20% whole-bunch in the Germine, but otherwise the grapes are de-stemmed. The Chana is aged in demi-muids, the others in smaller barrels - the Maison Rouge getting 40% new wood.



## 2015 CÔTE RÔTIE La Chana Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

75cl bottles, case of 12

93% Syrah with 7% Viognier. The idea is to put the floral and aromatic Viognier forward in the blend and make a wine which can be enjoyed without the need for long ageing. Silky, elegant, with floral notes and velvet tannins. Fresh and delicate with lifted smoky dark fruit and juicy acidity to make it gloriously easy on the palate. Drinking range: 2018 – 2025.

L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£310.00 ORDER



## 2015 CÔTE RÔTIE La Germine Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

75cl bottles, case of 12

This is the Duclaux brothers main cuvée of Côte Rôtie, 97% Syrah with just 3% Viognier, made from several parcels of vines all over the property. While sharing the harmonious and delicate tread on the palate of the 'Chana', there's a bit more depth and seriousness here, more intensity and a little more tannic grip, but still the delicately-expressed black berry fruit and the fine refreshing acidity drawing out the length. Drinking range: 2018 – 2033

L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£330.00 ORDER



## 2015 CÔTE RÔTIE Maison Rouge Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

75cl bottles, case of 6

A deeper and darker set of fruits in a more brambly and spicy mode than the La Germine. This has smooth, open and plush tannins and an energetic blackberry and plum fruit finish. Drink now. Rating 93. L&S (Sep 2017)

In Bond  
£230.00 ORDER

## Domaine Clusel-Roch

Founded by René Clusel in 1969, it then passed to his son, Gilbert and his wife Brigitte Roch. Their son Guillaume has now taken over.

Today the property is still tiny: despite the addition of a small parcel in St Joseph they retain just five hectares in Côte Rôtie and just half a hectare in Condrieu. The vines are planted on terraces along the Côte Rôtie, with two wooden stakes tied above each vine to help protect against the region's occasionally howling winds.

Having officially converted to organic farming practices in 2002 (and now fully certified organic), most work in the vineyards is done manually, without the use of any chemical fertilisers.

In order to even better express the tradition of the vineyard, the domaine only uses vines from their own selection of Syrah plantings, which are grafted in their own small nursery. According to Gilbert, these traditional Ampuis vines (vieilles serines) are less productive and give more complex aromas than available modern selections. The grapes are all hand-picked, backbreaking work on these perilous hills and left to naturally ferment with wild yeasts. This approach furthers the site purity in each of their wines.

Annual production here still hovers at about 1250 cases per year, these are beautifully made wines with a very pure expression of place from this great region.





## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Domaine Clusel-Roch

*Half-bottles, case of 12*

I tasted from several barrels that will be blended to make the 2016 Côte Rôtie Classique. They all come together as expected, the medium-bodied wine should offer hints of violets, cherries and spice. Tannin quality varied depending on the parcel, some supple and elegant, others sturdy and muscular, so blending will be key in creating a balanced, layered mouthfeel and finish. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035. Rating: 90-92 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Dec 2017)

In Bond  
£190.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Domaine Clusel-Roch

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

I tasted from several barrels that will be blended to make the 2016 Côte Rôtie Classique. They all come together as expected, the medium-bodied wine should offer hints of violets, cherries and spice. Tannin quality varied depending on the parcel, some supple and elegant, others sturdy and muscular, so blending will be key in creating a balanced, layered mouthfeel and finish. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035. Rating: 90-92 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Dec 2017)

In Bond  
£345.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE La Viallière Domaine Clusel-Roch

75cl bottles, case of 6

Wonderfully pure, silky and long, the 2016 Côte Rôtie Viallière features cherries and raspberries borne on an almost weightless flow. It should be an uncommonly elegant wine, even for Côte Rôtie. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035 Rating: 93-95. Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Feb 2018)

In Bond  
£255.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Les Grandes Places Domaine Clusel-Roch

75cl bottles, case of 6

From old vines (80 to 90 years old), the 2016 Côte Rôtie les Grandes Places is maturing in 25% new oak. It offers up hints of toasted almond, cherry and espresso. It's a more muscular wine than the Viallière, yet it still retains an inherent sense of lightness and elegance. Drinking range: 2022 – 2035 Rating: 90-94 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Dec 2017)

In Bond  
£340.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Domaine Clusel-Roch

Magnums, case of 6

I tasted from several barrels that will be blended to make the 2016 Côte Rôtie Classique. They all come together as expected, the medium-bodied wine should offer hints of violets, cherries and spice. Tannin quality varied depending on the parcel, some supple and elegant, others sturdy and muscular, so blending will be key in creating a balanced, layered mouthfeel and finish. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035. Rating: 90-92 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Dec 2017)

In Bond  
£365.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE La Viallière Domaine Clusel-Roch

*Magnums, case of 3*

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In Bond  
£280.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Les Grandes Places Domaine Clusel-Roch

*Magnums, case of 3*

From old vines (80 to 90 years old), the 2016 Côte Rôtie les Grandes Places is maturing in 25% new oak. It offers up hints of toasted almond, cherry and espresso. It's a more muscular wine than the Viallière, yet it still retains an inherent sense of lightness and elegance. Drinking range: 2022 – 2035 Rating: 90-94 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Dec 2017)

In Bond  
£360.00 ORDER

## Domaine Gilles Robin

Gilles Robin took over the running of this vineyard in 1996, with the freedom to produce his own wines. With a history of winegrowing spanning four generations, Gilles' aim was to realise the potential of the 35-year-old vines. He immediately used only natural fertilizers and reduced yields to just 40 hectolitres per hectare (8/10 bunches per vine) to give a richer concentration of fruit and quality. A new winery was built into the ground to allow the wines to be moved delicately by gravity, rather than being pumped. Gilles' vineyard now extends to Saint Joseph (where he makes a tiny volume) and Hermitage. The core vineyard averages forty years old and the wines gain in subtlety and balance with every vintage.

Gilles says of his wines, 'there is not a unique Syrah but rather a full spectrum of characteristics and potential expressed by Syrah varieties', to which might be added 'the spectrum of flavours of Syrah on different terroirs' as well, because his vineyards encompass the range of styles the appellation can produce. The 'Rochas' vineyard has deep soils which make for big



wines with rustic tannins which take time to soften. It always produces tiny grapes which need fairly strong extraction to get the best of their deep, wild black fruit and spice notes. The 'Monico' vineyard is made up of broken-up rock and little pebbles and a deep clay. The clay retains water well and this is perfect for hot summers. A higher-toned red and black fruit character, ripe blackcurrant and blackberry, with elegant rather than massive tannins. Finally, the 'Terres Rouges' vineyard is made of gravels and red clay, typical of the 'Terrasse des Châssis'. The Syrah here displays finesse, elegance and aromatic complexity. The strong iron monoxide content of this plot enables a maximum phenolic maturity. Intense colour, with purple highlights, aromas of violets, black fruits, sweet spices (pepper, nutmeg) and slightly smokiness. On the palate, this Syrah has silky tannins and fine minerality.

All of these styles together make for beautifully balanced wines, the different cuvées emphasising the differing characteristics of primal fruit and sophisticated and complex depth.

The vineyard has been organic since 2009.



## 2016 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée Albéric Bouvet Domaine Gilles Robin

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

Gilles makes his upper cuvée of Crozes with careful choice of fruit from his best areas and oldest vines, and the wine is given a judicious élevage in barrels, to make a substantial wine which marries the best of the scented finesse of the Syrah and the depth and body of the fruit of these older vines. Drinking range: 2019 – 2028 L&S (Feb 2018)

In Bond  
£165.00 ORDER





## 2015 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée 1920 Domaine Gilles Robin

75cl bottles, case of 12

Produced only in exceptional years, this cream of the crop Crozes is the best that Gilles can make, and it is quite a wine, even if the production is extremely limited it is worth trying to get your hands on a few bottles. Very deeply-coloured, with a terrific fruit density and nuance, a powerful Syrah which still has elegance and purity, and a dark, long finish which promises good cellar potential. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035 L&S (Feb 2018)

In Bond  
£300.00 ORDER



## 2015 HERMITAGE Domaine Gilles Robin

75cl bottles, case of 6

From the Bessards vineyard that is close to the famous chapel. The vines are at the foot of the slope, clay on top of granite sand, it does not suffer too much from heat, and always makes a harmonious wine. Super weight, suave and velvety, all rich in flavour and balanced by fresh acidity. Black fruit, spice and truffle all producing a fabulously fine, elegant and long wine. Drinking range: 2025 – 2040 L&S (Feb 2018)

In Bond  
£255.00 ORDER

## Domaine Rémi Niero

One of the original domaines of the appellation, and centred on the oldest vineyard, above Condrieu itself and with a decent holding in the Coteau du Chéry, which, with the Coteau du Vernon, is considered one of the best sites. The domaine existed 45 years ago when the whole appellation was just 8 hectares of vines (it's now 160 hectares), under the name Pinchon. Rémi's father Robert married the Pinchon daughter, so now, having been Domaine Niero-Pinchon for a bit, it has been shortened to simply Niero when Rémi took over. The Condrieus come from just over 4 hectares of vines, all in the commune of Condrieu itself, in the parcels Coteau de Chéry, La Roncharde, Côte Chatillon, La Caille, Vergelas and Corbéry. The Condrieus are aged in tank (60%) and barrel (40%) for a year. The Côte-Rôties come from

two sites, La Viallière and Le Coteau de Bassenon, from the southern end of the appellation, a total of nearly 2 hectares. They are aged for 16 months in barrel, with 20% new wood



## 2016 SAINT JOSEPH Bois Prieur Domaine Rémi Niero

75cl bottles, case of 6

An excellent Saint Joseph with a fine density of sappy, velvety richness and good, taut dark-fruited length which suggests that it will drink well over ten years. Drinking range: 2018 – 2028 *L&S (Feb 2018)*

In Bond  
£105.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Éminence Domaine Rémi Niero

75cl bottles, case of 6

95% Syrah with 5% Viognier, from Viallière and Bassenon. Dark and ripe, with fine tannins carrying concentrated flavours of damsons, blackberries and a savoury, smoky notes, a tautening background of oak. Quite intense and needing a year or two to begin to open. *L&S (Feb 2018)*

In Bond  
£155.00 ORDER



## 2016 CÔTE RÔTIE Éminence Domaine Rémi Niero

Magnums, case of 3

95% Syrah with 5% Viognier, from Viallière and Bassenon. Dark and ripe, with fine tannins carrying concentrated flavours of damsons, blackberries and a savoury, smoky notes, a tautening background of oak. Quite intense and needing a year or two to begin to open. L&S (Feb 2018)

In Bond  
£165.00

## Southern Rhône Reds

The North is the realm of Syrah, but in the South it is really all about Grenache, even if this can be helped by up to twelve other varieties in Châteauneuf (and is routinely blended with Syrah and Mourvèdre there and in the other appellations).

If the Northern Rhône produced wines with power and longevity in 2015, and rather more streamlined elegance 2016s, it seems to be the opposite in the south. Here the 2016s have the power and ultimate ripeness - but remain, at least for the wines we have chosen, fresh and svelte despite the musculature. There is a really lovely balance and some serious depth of flavour which 'floats' on a fresh minerality. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it (JebDunnuck.com) *The 2016s are on another level...The wines are beautifully concentrated and structured – on par with 2010 – yet have a more open, sexy, voluptuous style due to the larger yields. The tannin quality is beautiful, the wines have notable freshness and purity, their alcohol is integrated, and quality is incredibly high across all the regions. In fact, the biggest surprise was the consistency of the vintage, which is even more homogenous than 2015. This is truly an extraordinary vintage.*

We have selected great Châteauneufs from great estates (Mordorée, Royer) which remain quite reasonably-priced. Nevertheless, as Richard Hemming says in his introduction to 'other' southern reds on JancisRobinson.com, 'the best wines of Gigondas, Vacqueyras and the other villages of Grenache-land can be bought for a much more satisfying QPR' - so these are well worth looking at as well.

'it appears that the early hype is justified (for the 2016 southern reds). These are wines that combine immense power (and sometimes alcohol levels) with elegance, perhaps most similar to

the reds from 2010 or 1990'

Joe Czerwinski [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com)

'The 2016s (in the south) are on another level.... This is truly an extraordinary vintage'

Jeb Dunnuck, [jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)

## Domaine de la Mordorée

Started in 1986 by the Delorme family, Domaine de la Mordorée has become one of the top estates in the Rhône, with arguably the most consistent quality. The word 'Mordorée', literally 'bronze' or 'golden-brown' is one of the many poetic names for a woodcock, the symbol of the domaine. Other such names include the cuvée names - 'La Belle Voyageuse' (the beautiful traveller), and 'La Dame Rousse' (the russet lady). Founding winemaker Christophe Delorme's objective was to be unintrusive and maintain total respect for his terroir and the fruit it produces, striving to achieve a perfect balance between concentration and terroir.

The domaine consists of 55 hectares, on 38 different parcels, providing a rich, wide range of soils and micro-climates. The whole domaine has been certified organic since 2007.

Following Christophe's untimely death in 2015, his wife and daughter, Madeleine and Ambre, have taken on the running of the domaine, ably assisted by Rémy Chauvet, who was the cellar master under Christophe. As Jeb Dunnuck has put it in the Wine Advocate, 'the estate is obviously still in incredibly capable hands'.



### 2016 LIRAC La Dame Rousse Domaine de la Mordorée

75cl bottles, case of 12

Fabulous nose - rich and open fruit. Palate is dry and fresh, full of deep concentrated fruit and a taut dry structure, which while present is very much wrapped and softened by supple weight. Deep black fruit flavours. Drinking range: 2018 – 2027 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£115.00 ORDER



## 2016 LIRAC Rouge Cuvée de la Reine des Bois Domaine de la Mordorée

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

Some of this is aged in one to three-year-old barrels. Again, this is a very black fruit expression, and only the subtlest notes of wood. Silky fine tannins are present, but not at all aggressive. The matter is all here - it's really gorgeous but could do with a year to open up a little and will age effortlessly. Drinking range: 2019 – 2030 *L&S (Jan 2018)*

In Bond  
£170.00 ORDER



## 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE La Dame Voyageuse Domaine de la Mordorée

*75cl bottles, case of 6*

Very Grenache expression; quite rich and full of fine tannins giving a volume and feeling of thickness on the palate. The fruit develops nicely and it never feels heavy. Gorgeous richness and length. A cuvée designed to be delicious immediately. Drinking range: 2018 – 2025 *L&S (Jan 2018)*

In Bond  
£282.00 ORDER



## 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Cuvée de la Reine des Bois Domaine de la Mordorée

*75cl bottles, wood case of 6*

Very dark. Rich fruit nose with a mineral element. Very rich, it has a saline freshness from the start which really drives the palate, so that it has lots of volume and weight, but is not at all

heavy. The black fruit (ripe blackberry and blueberry) fills every corner with energy and flavour. The tannins build slowly, and the finish shows them, fine and silky, but definitely firming, but it's the fruit and flavour and concentration that is astonishing. Bravo! Drinking range: 2020 – 2035 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£200.00 ORDER



### 2016 LIRAC Rouge Cuvée de la Reine des Bois Domaine de la Mordorée

*Magnums, wood case of 1*

Some of this is aged in one to three-year-old barrels. Again, this is a very black fruit expression, and only the subtlest notes of wood. Silky fine tannins are present, but not at all aggressive. The matter is all here - it's really gorgeous but could do with a year to open up a little and will age effortlessly. Drinking range: 2019 – 2030 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£33.50 ORDER



### 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Cuvée de la Reine des Bois Domaine de la Mordorée

*Magnums, wood case of 1*

Very dark. Rich fruit nose with a mineral element. Very rich, it has a saline freshness from the start which really drives the palate, so that it has lots of volume and weight, but is not at all heavy. The black fruit (ripe blackberry and blueberry) fills every corner with energy and flavour. The tannins build slowly, and the finish shows them, fine and silky, but definitely firming, but it's the fruit and flavour and concentration that is astonishing. Bravo! Drinking range: 2020 – 2035 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£70.00 ORDER

## Domaine Jean Royer

Jean-Marie Royer inherited his vines in 1985 and set about improving the grape varietal mix and the vinification from then. Since more than half of the domaine is in unclassified 'Vin de Table' or 'Côtes du Rhône', he has developed a marque 'Le Petit Roy' sold as 'Vin de Table' for everything that does not make it into the Châteauneuf cuvées. The Petit Roy has been a big hit in the shops.

His Châteauneufs are just gorgeous, and in the context of some of the Parkerised dottiness going on, offer refreshingly fantastic value for money. He has undoubtedly been much helped by his close friend the star oenologist Philippe Cambié, who he went to school with and also played rugby with for many years. Cambié is more famous for a full-on rather extracted style, but Jean-Marie has imposed his own, fresher, brighter style on all his wines, which are crunchy and well-defined.



### 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Tradition Domaine Jean Royer

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

85% Grenache, 5% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre, with 5% Cinsault from La Crau. Deep colour. Both rich and restrained, a subtle dry fruit with a truffle, garrigue element. Wild berries and summer hedgerow. Fresh and amazingly long. As Jean-Marie says, he is always looking for a drinkable balance, and that is here in spades. Drinking range: 2018 – 2035 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£210.00 ORDER





## 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Prestige Domaine Jean Royer

75cl bottles, case of 12

95% Grenache and 55% Mourvèdre. Richer than the Tradition, with a suave supple feel. Denser fruit and more body. Cool and fresh despite this evident weight. Excellent again. Drinking range: 2020 – 2033 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£255.00 ORDER



## 2016 CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE Les Sables de la Crau Domaine Jean Royer

75cl bottles, case of 6

Really remarkable: a rich nose of deep fruit and palate that is full of griotte cherry and damson, a very dark expression. The darkest of fruit flavours but in a gloriously round and voluptuous way - just enough grip, and the juicy acidity makes it mouth-watering and hard not to swallow. Sweet and balanced fruit remains long after. There's a bit more wood here than on the other cuvées, but the shape and feel make it definitely one of Jean-Marie's wines - not too much massiveness, this remains elegant and all about seamless length. Drinking range: 2020 – 2035 L&S (Jan 2018)

In Bond  
£220.00 ORDER

## Domaine la Bouïssière

Thierry and Gilles Faravel's Domaine la Bouïssière in Gigondas is exceptional in many ways, but perhaps apart from the personality of Thierry himself, it is the site of the vineyard, high up under the 'Dentelles de Montmirail' which makes the defining difference.

In contrast to the vines being baked on the plains of stones at the foot of the hill, the Bouïssière vines benefit from cooling air at night falling from the high peaks, and the wines retain a freshness and subtle persistence which is very different to the sometimes bludgeoning broadness and alcoholic heat of the wines on the plain.

Gilles and Thierry Faravel employ non-interventionalist practices to make wines as naturally as possible, resulting in wines of immense concentration and depth, with true vibrancy and the capacity to age ten to fifteen years.

They've come back to 80% whole bunch fermentation - as Thierry says, it's their form of acidity, it gives the wines more energy and tension, and stops them getting too heavy. Thierry describes the 2015s as being more massive, while the 2016s are 'more gourmand', and certainly these seem very easy to enjoy, fresh and balanced despite being quite powerful.



## 2016 BEAUMES DE VENISE Domaine la Bouïssière

75cl bottles, case of 12

72% Grenache, 28% Syrah. Entirely made in concrete vat. Very dark - opulent and sunny. It's exposed south-west, so is the sunniest of all his vineyards. A rich Mediterranean style, but not exuberant - it has a nice feel of energetic black fruit, and the little point of sucrosity is offset by the tannins which dry the structure a little - just enough. Drinking range: 2018 – 2025 *L&S (Feb 2018)*

In Bond  
£120.00 ORDER



## 2016 VACQUEYRAS Domaine la Bouïssière

75cl bottles, case of 12

50% Grenache, 42% Syrah, 8% Mourvèdre. Élevage in a combination of barrel, steel and concrete egg. Nice and fresh. Properly rich, but with a lift that must be coming from the high proportion of whole bunches as well as from the elevation of the vineyard and the Syrah

content. There's a lively freshness. Thierry describes how he works with infusion rather than extraction - they've lifted the pedal over the last 4 - 5 vintages in a bid to make this less rustic. The amount of Syrah brings a 'cooler' influence to temper the very sunny character of this vineyard. Silky supple, it has easily enough extract, but remains fresh and precise in its floral and black fruit flavours, with lovely length. Drinking range: 2019 – 2028 *L&S (Jan 2018)*

In Bond  
£150.00 ORDER



## 2016 GIGONDAS Domaine la Bouïssière

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. This is made in vat and foudre. Grenache with 30% Syrah. Fine and classic, deep colour and great fruit depth allied to a cool, liquid freshness which floats on the palate - all this weight of flavour expressed so effortlessly - really lovely. Drinking range: 2019 – 2032 *L&S (Jan 2018)*

In Bond  
£180.00 ORDER



## 2015 GIGONDAS La Font de Tonin Domaine la Bouïssière

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

83% Grenache, 17% Mourvèdre, élevage in 2-5 year-old barriques. The Mourvèdre is de-stemmed. Thierry says he feels the élevage has really given this energy and made it more complete. This does that thing that I tend to think of as Burgundian, which is to have flavours that seem to be quite 'other' than mere fruit. It's a mineral freshness and appeal allied to a brisk energy on the palate, and it's superb. Drinking range: 2020 – 2033 *L&S (Jan 2018)*

In Bond  
£260.00 ORDER

## Domaine Romain Roche



### 2016 CAIRANNE Côtes du Rhône Villages Domaine Romain Roche

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Carignan. Deep dark colour. All in finesse here, the Syrah bringing a cool sophistication. Big in volume, the silk velvet cushioned palate we have come to expect from Romain's wines, with flavours that are deeper and darker, and it's not just big - it is fine and pure and long with real crushed black fruit and juice, the old vine Carignan giving a vitality and 'peps'. Drinking range: 2019 – 2028 *L&S (Feb 2018)*

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£90.00 ORDER



### 2016 CAIRANNE La Bousquette Côtes du Rhône Villages Domaine Romain Roche

*75cl bottles, case of 12*

Grenache and Carignan, from the vineyard that is over 100 years old. It's a mixed terrain, some red clay like the plain, and some of the greyer more limestone clay from higher up. The vines are all mixed in together and he now co-ferments them. Rich old-vine fruit with real density and chew, this is Romain's one wine which would benefit from keeping for a year or two before starting it - and it then has a life of at least ten more years. Compact, concentrated and already complex, with huge length. Drinking range: 2020 – 2030 *L&S (Feb 2018)*

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## White Rhône

If you don't know the wines of Condrieu, and given the tiny volumes produced, that is likely to be the case, you owe it to yourself to find out what Viognier tastes like from its homeland here. These wines have that peachy, blossomy, occasionally lychee fruit that is so distinctive, and they also have the freshness and acidity, the herbal nuance and grace which is so often absent in Viogniers grown elsewhere. Don't take too much notice of advice to drink right away either - many of these wines benefit from a year or three in the cellar.

'the quality of the whites is incredibly consistent across all the appellations.'

*Jeb Dunnuck, [jebdunnuck.com](http://jebdunnuck.com)*

## Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

Founded by Frédéric Caillet, the great-grandfather of brothers Benjamin and David in 1928, and then developed by their father Edmond, the domaine consists of 5.8 hectares of vines above Tupin et Semons, in the southern end of the Côte Rôtie appellation, where the bedrock is gneiss. As they say, they are aiming to make the elegant style of wine which this rocky vineyard produces - and they certainly succeed. The Chana is a cuvée that is simply a 'gourmandise', supple, aromatic, fresh, pure. The Germine and the Maison Rouge are more structured, and while they can be drunk young, they will give their best with some age. The Domaine has also produced a small volume of Condrieu since 2014. The wine-making is gentle, there is 20% whole-bunch in the Germine, but otherwise the grapes are de-stemmed. The Chana is aged in demi-muids, the others in smaller barrels - the Maison Rouge getting 40% new wood.





## 2016 CONDRIEU Les Caillets Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

*75cl bottles, case of 6*

Pale green-gold, good acidity and freshness, there's delicate green fruit giving drive to the slightly more exotic notes. Juicy and really rather gorgeous. Drinking range: 2018 – 2023

*L&S (Feb 2018)*

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## Domaine de la Mordorée

Started in 1986 by the Delorme family, Domaine de la Mordorée has become one of the top estates in the Rhône, with arguably the most consistent quality. The word 'Mordorée', literally 'bronze' or 'golden-brown' is one of the many poetic names for a woodcock, the symbol of the domaine. Other such names include the cuvée names - 'La Belle Voyageuse' (the beautiful traveller), and 'La Dame Rousse' (the russet lady). Founding winemaker Christophe Delorme's objective was to be unintrusive and maintain total respect for his terroir and the fruit it produces, striving to achieve a perfect balance between concentration and terroir.

The domaine consists of 55 hectares, on 38 different parcels, providing a rich, wide range of soils and micro-climates. The whole domaine has been certified organic since 2007.

Following Christophe's untimely death in 2015, his wife and daughter, Madeleine and Ambre, have taken on the running of the domaine, ably assisted by Rémy Chauvet, who was the cellar master under Christophe. As Jeb Dunnuck has put it in the Wine Advocate, 'the estate is obviously still in incredibly capable hands'.





## 2016 LIRAC Cuvée de la Reine des Bois Blanc Domaine de la Mordorée

75cl bottles, case of 12

30% Grenache Blanc, 20% Clairette, 10% Roussanne, 10% Viognier, 10% Bourboulenc, 10% Marsanne, 10% Picpoul. Peach, green apple, soft acid with furry texture on the palate, like peach skin. Good complexity and interest on the finish. Drinking range: 2017 – 2018 Rating: 16.5 Richard Hemming - [www.JancisRobinson.com](http://www.JancisRobinson.com) (Feb 2018)

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## Domaine Pierre Gaillard

Pierre Gaillard's passion for wine-making developed at an early age when he was discovered ploughing in the vineyard with a plough horse when only twelve years old. After studying oenology at Montpellier, he went on to work for a large estate in Côte Rôtie where he steeped himself in the 'terroirs' and traditions of this famous vineyard. In 1981 he bought his own vines in St Joseph and revived the 'Clos de Cuminaille', an ancient vineyard dating back to Roman times. Since then he has bought vines in both Côte Rôtie and Condrieu, and his family have continued to develop the business.





## 2016 VIOGNIER Les Gendrines Côtes du Rhône Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6

Floral, apricot and peach skins, delicate honey on the nose, with opulence as well as a bright freshness, lovely stone fruit fleshiness. There is creamy touch to the supple palate, which is also floral and bright with great length, a true baby Condrieu. L&S (Feb 2018)

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## 2016 CONDRIEU Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6

Superb openness to the nose – talcum powder, apricot juice, peach skin. Great definition and punch here, with lovely creamy persistence on the finish and enough acid to give structure to the generous flesh. Drinking range: 2017 – 2020 Rating: 17 Richard Hemming - [www.JancisRobinson.com](http://www.JancisRobinson.com) (Nov 2017)

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## 2016 CONDRIEU l'Octroi Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6

The l'Octroi has even more weight and rich floral and peachy fruit, but also more fresh acidity and lemon verbena zip so that it is at once unctuous and juicy and moreish. Just gorgeous. Drinking range: 2018 – 2020 L&S (Feb 2018)

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## Domaine Rémi Niero

One of the original domaines of the appellation, and centred on the oldest vineyard, above Condrieu itself and with a decent holding in the Coteau du Chéry, which, with the Coteau du

Vernon, is considered one of the best sites. The domaine existed 45 years ago when the whole appellation was just 8 hectares of vines (it's now 160 hectares), under the name Pinchon. Rémi's father Robert married the Pinchon daughter, so now, having been Domaine Niero-Pinchon for a bit, it has been shortened to simply Niero when Rémi took over. The Condrieus come from just over 4 hectares of vines, all in the commune of Condrieu itself, in the parcels Coteau de Chéry, La Roncharde, Côte Chatillon, La Caille, Vergelas and Corbéry. The Condrieus are aged in tank (60%) and barrel (40%) for a year. The Côte-Rôties come from two sites, La Viallière and Le Coteau de Bassenon, from the southern end of the appellation, a total of nearly 2 hectares. They are aged for 16 months in barrel, with 20% new wood.



## 2016 CONDRIEU Les Ravines Domaine Rémi Niero

*75cl bottles, case of 6*

This domaine turned out a trio of fine 2016s. The 2016 Condrieu Les Ravines, blended from five different granite lieux-dits, features scents of crushed stone to go along with bold pineapple fruit. It's round and even a bit oily but not overdone, balanced by hints of ginger and white pepper on the finish. Drinking range: 2018 – 2020 Rating: 92-94 Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Jan 2018)

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## 2016 CONDRIEU Chéry Domaine Rémi Niero

*75cl bottles, case of 6*

From 70-year-old vines, the 2016 Condrieu Chéry is a bit more concentrated than Niero's Les Ravines bottling, but otherwise, it's similar in its aromas of crushed stone and pineapple. Like the other wines at this estate, it's aged 12 months in a mix of stainless steel (60%) and oak barrels (40%), giving it a rich, slightly oily texture. It's harmonious and long, with pineapple and melon flavors giving way to gingery spice on the finish. Drinking range: 2018 – 2021 Rating: 93-95 *Joe Czerwinski, [www.robertparker.com](http://www.robertparker.com) (Jan 2018)*

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## 2016 CONDRIEU Héritage Domaine Rémi Niero

*75cl bottles, case of 6*

A selection of the best individual barrels/cuves, the 2016 Condrieu Heritage is drawn from the estate's oldest vines (around 70 years old), aged in stainless steel (60%) and barrel (40%). It's textbook floral, apricot aromas lead into a medium to full-bodied wine that manages to be rich and viscous without being cloying, as citrus zest and brine emerge on the long finish. Drinking range: 2018 – 2022 Rating: 93-95 *L&S (Dec 2017)*

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