



Northern Rhône - Primeur Offer

Relaxed velvety ripeness in the 2017s, generous elegance in the 2018s

Having 'pulled' this offer of Northern Rhône wines in March, we have decided to release now. The magnificent whites will be mostly drinking from when the wines are shipped in the autumn. While these reds are not really drinking now, it may also serve as a reminder that Northern Rhône Syrah has a freshness and precision which makes it a good summer option - you can find the wines available from older vintages [here](#). We will offer the Southern Rhône in September or October.

This year it was again Derek Robertson who attended the Salon d'Ampuis and visited many of the Northern Rhône growers in their cellars as well, earthing out new producers Domaine Bott, 'Les Kiwis d'Ampuis' and Domaine Lionnet in Cornas in the process. His report is [here](#).

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 three critically acclaimed vintages. Many of these are available for less than £30 a bottle in-bond - you will not find much in Burgundy or Bordeaux that even gets close to matching this for quality and value.

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'Lovers of Northern Rhône wines should be smiling too... with four consecutive great vintages either released or in the pipeline, there's no need to compromise.' Joe Czerwinski

www.robertparker.com

'Compared to the 2017s, the 2018s show another level of freshness and purity, primarily due to less hydric stress on the vines during the growing season. Also, the healthy yields give the wines open, opulent profiles with polished tannins and rounded, seamless textures.

Nevertheless, I think the 2018s are richer and more concentrated than both 2016 and 2017, and while they show similarities to the 2015s, they have slightly more open, accessible profiles with softer tannins. There's a touch of the freshness and purity found in the 2016s, yet it's paired with another level of concentration and richness. This is another stunning year for Côte Rôtie, but the quality is consistent throughout the Northern Rhône, and it's also an excellent year for entry-level and value-priced wines.' Jeb Dunnuck, www.jebdunnuck.com

Arrival in the UK

The wines will arrive in the UK by this Autumn (2020). This is an opportunity to secure the wines at the lowest possible price before they reach the general market. We guarantee you will find some exciting options for your cellar.

The wines are listed below by producer in alphabetical order, reds and whites together.

This is a pre-shipment/primeur offer. All orders are accepted under the **TERMS** of this offer which differ from our normal retail terms.

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 and granite. Production is limited to a total of around 2000 cases a year for the whole domaine.

The brothers are aiming to make the elegant style of wine which this rocky vineyard produces - and they certainly succeed. The Chana (Syrah with 7% Viognier) is a cuvée that is simply a 'gourmandise', supple, aromatic, fresh, pure. The Germaine (Syrah with 3% Viognier) and the Maison Rouge (100% Syrah) 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 winemaking 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.



2018 CONDRIEU Les Caillets Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

Brothers Benjamin & David are two of the smartest operators in the norther Rhône, the purity they manage in their Côte Rôtie are really something, the same can be said of their tiny plot of Condrieu Les Caillets. Everything is hand picked and de-stemmed before stainless steel fermentation and ageing in a mixture of tank and barrel. The 2018 is really focused, bright floral and citrus peel on the nose, it pushes through in the mouth with aromatic minerality, peach and apricot, not an ounce of fatness, really well done and just spot on Condrieu. I think best drunk over the next 2-5 years, as they do too. Drinking range: 2020 - 2024 *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£155.00



2017 CÔTE RÔTIE La Chana Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

2017 La Chana is a relatively new cuvee from Duclaux, an early drinking style. Made with about 7% Viognier in the blend and from 5 sites in the south of the around Tupin. 80% de-stemmed and no new oak. Bright fruits on the nose with a touch of spice, a core of fresh raspberry and black cherry, soft silky tannins, very precise and elegant, a joy to taste and drink *L&S (May 2020)*

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£155.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£150.00



2017 CÔTE RÔTIE La Germine Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

2017 La Germine 3% Viognier. Sweet violets on the nose, sweet vibrant raspberry and hints of rose, black cherry, a touch of roasted herbs too, elegance and purity in abundance, this is an exercise in Côte Rôtie finesse. Drinking range: 2022 - 2031 *L&S (May 2020)*

Jeroboam, case of 1

In Bond

£145.00

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£175.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£165.00



2017 CÔTE RÔTIE Maison Rouge Domaine Benjamin et David Duclaux

100% Syrah and a single vineyard selection on an incredibly steep slope above the winery. Slightly closed on the nose, but showing a touch of sweet violet and raspberry. slightly denser with a texture mouthfeel, sweet spice and mineral, very pure and elegant, very, very smart indeed. *L&S (May 2020)*

Jeroboam, case of 1

In Bond

£195.00

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£245.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£240.00

Domaine Bott

NEW PRODUCER

We first encountered the young Kiwi, Graeme Bott, in the days when he and Julie were both working for the great Stéphane Ogier. We have kept in touch and 8 years later we are delighted that he and Julie are now married and have set up on their own. 2018 is their second vintage release and we could not be more excited.

Graeme's talents as a winemaker were never in doubt. To have become Chef de Cave for Stéphane Ogier is no mean feat, especially for someone from the 'outside' and New Zealand is a long way from Ampuis! This natural ability combined with relentless energy and creativity from them both has resulted in Domaine Bott.

'Les Kiwis d'Ampuis' have been resourceful in finding plots for vineyards. As newcomers they were never really in the market for buying existing, established vineyards. Prices here are now stratospheric. So, they got creative. First, their garden! This plot of land is within the Condrieu appellation, so they quickly planted vines and have a parcel here. In other zones they have studied the geology and history of the slopes in the northern Rhone. Identifying areas of rough land that were once vineyards, pre-phylloxera, but have since never been replanted. These plots were affordable, so the couple planted all the vines themselves and rebuilt the old stone walls. Today the estate has grown to 6HA through this resourcefulness and sheer hard work.

Their vineyards are now spread between Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu, Crozes-Hermitage, Saint-Joseph and Seyssuel - and they have recently moved production from their two garages to a winery in Ampuis.

They want to make wines they want to drink and love finesse and poise. This means early picking of the white grapes to retain brightness and acidity and only 3 or 4-year-old barrels are used for the élevage.

Vineyard work on the reds is intensive - Graeme believes that wines are mostly 'made' before the harvest, on the vines. For the Botts, it's all about the purity of the fruit and transmitting that sense of place. In the cellar they have an artisan approach, very gentle maceration - more of an infusion with a gentle single pump over each day, no punching down or effort to extract more grip or colour or flavour. The wines are a delight. There is a sleek feel and a softness that belies the smart intensity. They have lift and poise. Never over-bearing but they make you sit up and take note.

On this first UK release of these wines you can see the sheer class of what they are doing here. These are impressive, very likeable wines made on a small scale by a passionate and very skilled couple - it is no wonder they are already turning heads.



2018 FIRST FLIGHT Viognier Domaine Bott

This bright, pure Viognier comes from plots high up above Ampuis. It is a freshness to it that is hard to resist. Clearly Viognier, but miles from the heavy, fat Peachy style which is all too common here. This is nicely aromatic but more in the feel of Malvasia. Early picking and sensitive work in the cellar is the key - and it unlocks this juicy white that you can enjoy on its own or happily with food too. Grilled chicken or mild curries - gently spiced noodles too would be great partners. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£80.00



2018 SAINT JOSEPH Blanc Domaine Bott

This superb blend of 70% Roussanne and 30% Marsanne is a really successful White St Joseph. Their vines are just north of St Pierre de Boeuf, as with all their whites they train their vines up poles and over the top to create tall arches of foliage. This practice is popular in Burgundy with some exceptional growers (Lalou-Bize Leroy, Arnoux-Lachaux) but Julie and Graeme are the first here to embrace it. The vines are better shaded like this and the results

are great. Aromatic and yet fresh, with firm apricot and white flower notes, bright citrus juiciness too. Really elegant white with a pretty floral lift. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£115.00



2018 FIRST FLIGHT Syrah Domaine Bott

Pure Syrah from high up vines in Seyssual. Bright cherry fruit, touch of pepper with zipping redcurrant and deeper blackberry notes. This really impresses for the lovely purity and tidy precision. Focused, fresh and full of joy. Huge quality at this price level. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£70.00



2018 SAINT JOSEPH Domaine Bott

This is a really sophisticated St Joseph. Super bright on the nose, raspberry and cassis, touch of spice, ripe cherry middle is silky with plush blueberry perk, nicely soft tannin. Surprisingly elegant and super smart. It just flows so well, there's a satisfying weight of fruit and a lovely feel to this - an exciting new find! *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£110.00

Domaine Clusel-Roch

From the 1950s to 1980 René and Josephine Clusel grew fruit and vegetables as well as Côte Rôtie. Their son, Gilbert, with his wife Brigitte Roch, stopped farming fruit and vegetables alongside, and expanded the domaine a little. Brigitte and Gilbert's son Guillaume, who joined the domaine in 2009, has added significantly to the vineyard area, mostly with the addition of Gamay in the Coteaux du Lyonnais. Guillaume has now taken over the running of the estate, and also buys in grapes from a few other organic vine growers, notably for the Saint Joseph.

Today the property is around 13 hectares, but they still have only 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.



2019 SAINT JOSEPH Guillaume Clusel

The family's Saint Joseph vineyard is in the north of the appellation near Malleval. 30-year-old vines on granite and some decomposed sandy soils. Facing south east - this is a relatively warm spot and the Syrah here is generous. This is laden with ripe cherry flesh and a good

garrigue-like herbal notes. This is hard to resist now, right out of the gate. A deep, juicy weight of fruit with a gently structured frame. Very easy to love Northern Rhone Syrah. *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£100.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Les Schistes Domaine Clusel-Roch

The signature of the vintage is clear in the inviting generous nose on this sumptuous Côte Rôtie. There is an attractive polish and richness to the fruit that drives right through the nicely weighted middle. Super spice and savour whiffs of dried herb, and some aniseed too. Deep rich and sleek. This is joyful and immediately very hard to resist. *L&S (Feb 2020)*

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£185.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£180.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Champon Domaine Clusel-Roch

This is a new wine in the range for Guillaume, they have separated out a parcel of 60 year old vines here in a parcel they've been renting for 35 years. The soil in Le Champon is a mix of Limestone and Schistes and it faces east high up on the plateau. Tasted after the Vialliere - this immediately has more grunt and drive. Not as pretty perhaps as Vialliere, and not as richly welcoming as the Schistes - this is more serious, more savoury, more darkly lit. But it is delicious. This is a great innovation here by Guillaume, the fruit used to be entirely blended into the Les Schistes, but the Champon really does have its own character. A tang of red fruit, earth and rock run through with a darker line. This is a smart, more intense expression of Côte Rôtie, deftly done. *L&S (Feb 2020)*

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£270.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£265.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE La Viallière Domaine Clusel-Roch

Tasting this after the more upfront 'Les Schistes' is to step in to another world. This is Syrah on a very different register. There is more lift, A floral note of violets. Purple and blue fruit dominates the underlying more sappy dark stuff. Very sophisticated feel. The restraint and minerality here owe much to these old vines and the great height of this vineyard. Totally lovely. *L&S (Feb 2020)*

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£270.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£265.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Les Grandes Places Domaine Clusel-Roch

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This is hugely impressive. An awesome jolt of energy and power. So well measured. So fine though. There is a savoury line and attractive breadth of tight fruit - all perfectly balanced. This is lithe and loaded. Nice mineral scrub on the finish too. Yes, this is a wonder. Attention-grabbing Côte Rôtie that is hard to resist already at this early stage, yet this has a great future for those patient enough to wait!

The vines Guillaume selects for this limited cuvée are the oldest in the plot and are up to 85 years old. Fruit from the younger vines here goes in to the Les Schistes. The results could not be more different. Tasting the two wines is an education in the greatness of old vines.

Drinking range: 2022 - L&S (*Feb 2020*)

Magnums, case of 3

In Bond

£355.00

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£350.00

Domaine Gaylord Machon

Domaine Gaylord Machon is in Beaumont-Monteux, in the heart of the Crozes-Hermitage appellation, on 'les châssis' a name which derives from the numerous large stones found in this area, which make for a particularly free-draining soil. 5% of the domaine is Marsanne and Roussanne, from which a tiny amount of white is made, the rest being all Syrah for the two cuvées of red.

All the work in the vines is manual, including the harvest. Gaylord took over 5 hectares of family vines in 2002, the produce of which he took to the co-op, like his forbears, until 2008, when he began to sell the grapes of what was then an enlarged 8.5 hectares to Paul Jaboulet Aîné. In 2011 he made his first wine. He is a qualified winemaker, and had trained with Luc Tardy and Laurent Combier, among others.

Gaylord built his own vinification cellar in 2014, and today vinifies about half his red production and all the white.

Gaylord is slow to put his wines on the market, and so the new Cuvée Lhony is only 2016.



2017 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée Ghany Domaine Gaylord Machon

Named after Ghany who is Gaylord's nine-year-old son. A highly expressive, lively style with good acidity and vivid forest berry fruit. A little sappy resinous side to the finish adds length and interest. Good sense of freshness and focus. Juicy, mouthwatering finish. Better than the Lhony this year (named after his other son). Good tension and freshness. Grown on clay limestone soils with galets roulés, this undergoes carbonic maceration to start with, followed by traditional alcoholic fermentation. Drinking range: 2020 - 2023 Rating: 92 Matt Walls, *Decanter.com* (Oct 2019)

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£60.00



2016 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée Lhony Domaine Gaylord Machon

Deep, brilliant violet. Pungent, spice-kissed dark berries, cherry pit, licorice and a hint of musky flowers on the nose. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry and blackberry flavors that turn sweeter as the wine opens up. Fine-grained tannins frame a persistent finish that echoes the floral and spice notes. Drinking range: 2020 - 2025 Rating: 90 Josh Reynolds, www.vinousmedia.com (May 2020)

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£80.00



2018 CROZES HERMITAGE BLANC La Fille Dont J'ai Rêvé Domaine Gaylord Machon

70% Roussanne 30% Marsanne. A particular favourite amongst the white Rones, tiny volume produced. The other two cuvées being named after Gaylord's two sons, this one is named for the daughter he dreamed of having. *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£80.00

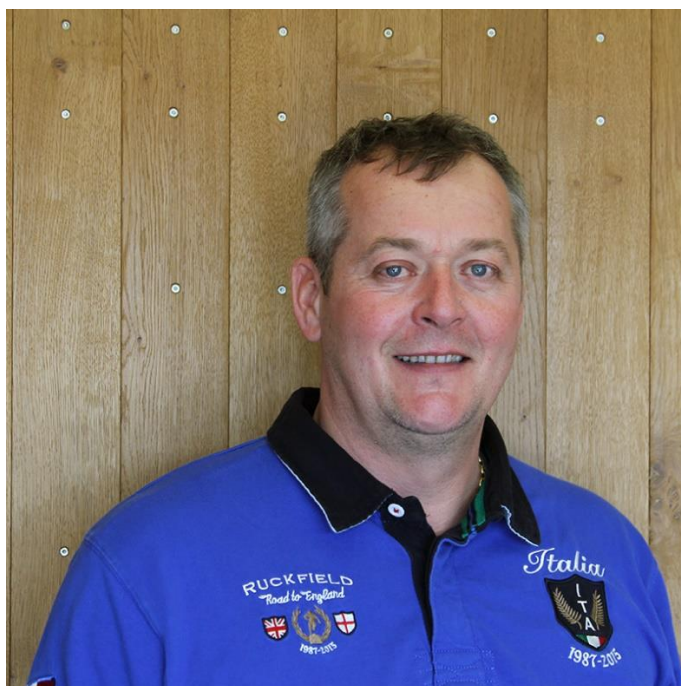
Domaine Gilles Robin

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.



2019 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée Papillon Domaine Gilles Robin

75cl bottles, case of 6
In Bond
£60.00



2018 CROZES HERMITAGE Cuvée Albéric Bouvet Domaine Gilles Robin

75cl bottles, case of 12

In Bond
£160.00



2017 HERMITAGE Domaine Gilles Robin

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond
£260.00

Domaine Lionnet

NEW PRODUCER

Ludovic Izerable came to this domaine by marriage to Corinne, the daughter of Pierre and granddaughter of Michel Lionnet. She took the reins in 2003. The Izerables immediately converted the domaine to organic farming and have been certified since 2009.

The word 'Cornas' derives from the Celtic word for 'burnt earth' and so is the origine of the name of the Domaine's flagship cuvée 'Terre Brûlée'. The domaine is a mere 4 hectares, in Cornas and Saint Joseph (where their vines are in Chateaubourg, the southernmost village of the appellation, at 300m altitude). In Cornas, they have 7 parcels of vines, mostly between 40 and over 100 years old, with one parcel of young vines planted in 2008. No pesticides, herbicides or commercial fertilisers are used, and the soil is worked by horse and a small caterpillar-tracked machine.

The grapes are handpicked and vinified as whole bunches - nothing is added at any stage and the vinification is by naturally occurring yeasts - the harvest has to be ultra-clean to allow for this, and that contributes to the aromatic purity of the wines. After the alcoholic fermentation with *pigeage* the free run wine is drawn off and the *marc* is pressed gently in a vertical press from the 19th century. The malolactic fermentations are in resin or stainless-steel vats, and only once completed do the wines get racked and transferred to barrel for two winters - a total of 18 months - half in 225l and half in demi-muids of 600l. No new wood is used. The wines are then bottled without fining or filtration.



2018 SAINT JOSEPH BLANC Pierre Blanche Domaine Lionnet

Deep gold colour, fresh aromas of fruit, dried fruit, dried herbs and fresh straw, both lively and fat on the palate, a wine with the palate weight and density of a chardonnay in a completely different and immensely attractive style. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£115.00



2018 SAINT JOSEPH Terres Neuves Domaine Lionnet

Dark but not opaque purple-edged colour. Dark, sweet blueberry nose, initially sweet supple first touch, juicy and sapid with just a little tannic astringency giving a mouthwatering freshness despite the considerable density. Drinking range: 2022 - 2028 *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£125.00



2018 CORNAS Terre Brulée Domaine Lionnet

Black centre with a violet edge. A restrained nose combining darkest berry fruit and mineral precision. A well-formed feel from the first touch, dry, but not harsh. Concentrated very dark wild berry and brambly intensity, with a joyous interplay of the ripe sweet black fruit and enlivening acidity. Juicy and fresh, the tannins building but never overwhelming. A big wine with beautiful balance. Drinking range: 2025 - 2035 *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£145.00



2018 CORNAS Pur Granit Domaine Lionnet

Pur Granit comes from an area known as Saint-Pierre, high up the slope, on (yes, you guessed it) a soil of degraded granite. The vines here are young, but it's a massal selection from the best of the domaine's old vines lower down, and the quality shines through. Not as dark as the Terre Brulée, with the same vivid violet edge. A firm, but in no way aggressive dark fruit, with jewel-like precision and fresher acidity giving a mineral brightness and lift across the palate. Very attractive, long and pure. Drinking range: 2024 - 2032 *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£175.00

Domaine Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond

Christophe and Patrick took over this family domaine in 1990. It extends to ten hectares, with small amounts of IGP 'Collines Rhodaniennes' Viognier (0.5 hectare) and Syrah (1 hectare) as well as the Condrieu and the three cuvées of Côte-Rôtie.

The Condrieu (1 hectare) comes from the granite soils of the Côte Chatillon. It is fermented in 440l barrels (with 30% new wood) at 18C and aged on the lees for ten months.

The 'Colline de Couzou' Côte-Rôtie comes from several plots in the north and south of the appellation, on schist and granite, about six hectares in total. All the reds are fermented in stainless steel with around 20% whole bunches. The Couzou is then aged in 400l barrels for eighteen months, with 20% new wood. Production hovers just above 2000 cases a year.

The Côte Rozier (0.5 hectare) is in the north of the appellation, on schist and mica-schist. The vinification is the same, but the percentage of new wood for this and the Rochains goes up to 30% and the élevage in barrel is extended to 20 months. Only about 160 cases a year. The Rochains (1 hectare), a slightly bigger cuvée at 300 cases a year, is also in the north of the appellation, the other side of La Landonne, on a soil of schist with lots of iron oxide. These are the oldest vines of the domaine.



2019 CONDRIEU Côte Chatillon Domaine Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond

I really liked the 19 Cote Chatillon when i tasted in Ampuis in January, although it had just been bottled. As ever the Bonnefond's seem to nail that sweet spot between light and floral and blousy and overdone. The nose is perfumed and floral, the mouthfeel more edges toward exotic satsuma, peach and apricot stone fruit but the acidity is keen, bring it all into focus. Delicious Condrieu for the next few years.*L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£150.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Colline de Couzou Domaine Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond

Colline de Couzou is a blend of several plots from north and south shale and granite vineyards. It also spends less time in oak than the other cuvées, 80% de-stemmed and 18 months in oak perhaps makes this the most approachable of the trio. Again the colour is deep purple, the nose very vibrant, offering juicy notes of dark fruits. The palate is mid weight, with ripe blackcurrant and blueberry, a touch of spice and a hint of smoky blueberry too, this is drinkable now but will improve over the next 5-8 years *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£160.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Côte Rozier Domaine Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond

As you travel south from Vienne and cross over the mighty flowing Rhône toward Ampuis the first of the great schist slopes you see is Côte Rozier. Here the Bonnefond brothers fashion their pure Syrah Côte Rôtie. The 2018 is saturated purple and the nose is very lively, vibrant violets, blackberry and dark cherry, rich fruits in the mouth, bright and serious, a muscular wine but with grippy tannins, a lovely twist of liquorice and mineral on the finish too, keeps going on. This will develop nicely over the next 10-15 years and reward the patient *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£205.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Les Rochains Domaine Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond

Nestled just above the famed La Landonne, Les Rochains is a south facing plot on steep schist slopes. Again 100% Syrah, 3 weeks stainless steel before spending 30 months in oak, with about 30% new. Bright purple in colour the nose is dominated by blue and black fruits, in the mouth there is an abundance of ripe rich blackcurrant, violets, black cherry, cranberry and a hint of savoury liquorice too. For a wine that has spent 30 months in oak it doesn't come across as such, almost medium bodied but with a keen sense of place, this is exemplary Côte Rôtie for those that like richness and purity *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£205.00

Domaine Pierre Gaillard

Pierre Gaillard's passion for winemaking 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.



2019 VIOGNIER Les Gendrines Côtes du Rhône Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6
In Bond
£75.00



2019 CONDRIEU Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond
£135.00



2019 CONDRIEU l'Octroi Domaine Pierre Gaillard

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond
£165.00

Domaine Rémi Niero

The smart and charming Rémi started to work alongside his father in 2004 and today is in charge of the domaine along with his wife Krystel. They are the 3rd generation of winemakers and continue the tradition of the estate's refined and pure wines from Viognier and Syrah working from their cellars in Condrieu. The domaine has recently fully converted to organic farming, the wines much like the estate are pristine and pure.

This is one of the original domaines of the Condrieu 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.





2018 CONDRIEU Les Ravines Domaine Rémi Niero

Vibrant fresh floral notes on the nose, stone fruits and musky white peach. Clean and bright with a lovely weight of pure white flowers, peach and apricot notes, a touch of ginger and honeysuckle too, very nicely done, great balance between, fruit and mineral with a hint of toasty oak in the background, this will please Condrieu fans immensely. Made up from 5 parcels, Roncharde, Cote Chatillon, La Caille, Vergelas & Corbery - 20 year old average age of the vineyards 40% Barrel 60% stainless steel *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£140.00



2018 CONDRIEU Coeur De Roncharde Domaine Rémi Niero

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£160.00



2018 CONDRIEU Chéry Domaine Rémi Niero

Cheri is a tiny 0.8h single vineyard site, with very few producers having parcels here, Niero & Perret (I think Chapotier the other?) The 2018 is much more compact than Ravines, bigger richer fruit on the nose, with the tell tale musky perfume notes, floral and forward, a touch of satsuma peel and lime notes too, I really like the length here, very pure and engaging, bright and a touch sappy, needs a bit of time in bottle. Again superbly done from a master Condrieu producer. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond

£180.00



2018 SAINT JOSEPH Bois Prieur Domaine Rémi Niero

Niero only has 1 hectare of St Joseph The Bois Prieur has such a beautiful purple colour to it, the nose jumps out at you, pungent ripe blackcurrant and violets are almost heady, redcurrant, dark cherry and violets in abundance in the mouth, soft silk tannins interweave with bright crunchy acidity, a purposeful drive to it too, very very drinkable St Joseph. *L&S(May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond
£115.00



2018 CÔTE RÔTIE Éminence Domaine Rémi Niero

Emminence is made up from two plots, schist soils from Vialliere in the north and granite slopes of Coteau du Bessenon in the south. 2018 has 4-5% Viognier and spend 20 months in oak with a percentage of new and old. Amazing colour, saturated purple, the nose sings with sweet violets & cranberry, the palette is packed, redcurrant, blackberry, violets, a touch of mineral and soft tannin too, a vibrant acidity brings it all into focus, I really like the immediate sense of luxury in this cuvee *L&S (May 2020)*

75cl bottles, case of 6

In Bond
£165.00