

RHONE 2011
En Primeur



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It is such a huge pleasure to visit the vineyards of the Rhône valley today in this modern era of winemaking. Not only does it possess some of the prettiest villages and vineyards in France, but gone is the hit and miss winemaking of previous generations.

Today, both in the North and South, they are making some of the most polished and characterful wines that the Northern hemisphere can produce. This is perfectly highlighted by the simply delicious 2011 vintage, forming a trilogy of fine vintages for these fortunate growers following on from the fine 2009 and 2010 vintages.

What is fun is that they are noticeably different in style. In our report last year, we commented on the opulence of 2009 and the impressive structure of the 2010s. 2011 is a wine drinkers' vintage; these wines have brilliant balance, the crucial factor for any great year for wines of quality. They will not require the patience of ageing as in some years, but they are beautifully complete wines with a harmony between fruit, acidity and textured tannins. Whilst in some appellations there are wines of unreserved power, as a whole these 2011s have an approachability that will make them deliciously accessible young, without losing the necessary poise to mature with grace and style.

As always the crucial ingredient for creating wines of fine quality is the weather; so what makes the 2011 vintage so special? As Marc Perrin at Ch de Beaucastel said, it was very much a year of two halves. The Rhône valley (North and South) was no different to the rest of France; following the unusually warm and driest Spring for a century, flowering took place almost a month in advance of a normal year and predictions were of harvesting taking place ahead of even the famous 2003 vintage. However things were soon to change; July turned cool and critically, as Guillaume Gonnet of Font de Michelle said, came with some much needed rain, replenishing and nourishing the vines; so important for the final stages.

The first 2 weeks of August remained relatively cool, slowing down the vines' development. This is no bad thing as the longer the bunches hang on the vine the greater the levels of complexity in flavours in the finished wine. Then, as Stéphane Montez commented, the all crucial hot weather of the last two weeks in August arrived; so vital to create ripeness and warmth to the wines of the Rhône valley.

Depending on which part of the department you were in, the harvest ended up being spread out, covering almost 6 weeks from south to north, but the fruit coming in to the wineries was clean and of exceptional quality. The yields were controlled, giving the vigneron plenty to work with to produce beautifully expressive wines.

The huge strides in wine making over the past 20 years is very much the second part of the jigsaw which I refer to in my introduction, and so vital to the quality of this lovely vintage. Today, whilst it is vital that growers reflect the individuality of their appellations and vineyards, improved knowledge and winemaking techniques means that the wines from the Rhône valley are extraordinarily characterful and, most importantly, very polished indeed.

To conclude, 2011 is a very lovely vintage and a dream for a wine drinker such as myself. So often I lack the willpower to wait 30 years for a wine to reach its optimum maturity before it can be drunk; when I taste a wine I seize the opportunity, pull the cork and make the most of the occasion! The 2011's will be just those wines, eminently drinkable without having the restriction of having to wait half a century before they reach their best!!

David Roberts MW

Under £200

£/cs In Bond

Coudoulet de Beaucastel, Château de Beaucastel	£120.00 per 12
Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby, Domaine du Colombier	£155.00 per 12
St Joseph Cuvée Papy, Domaine de Monteillet	£160.00 per 12
Gigondas, Terrasse du Diable, Domaine Les Pallieres	£175.00 per 12
Châteauneuf du Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle	£195.00 per 12

£200 – £300

Cornas Les Chailles, Alain Vogé	£210.00 per 12
Mas de Daumas Gassac Rouge	£110.00 per 6
St Péray Fleur de Crussol, Alain Vogé	£220.00 per 12
Condrieu Les Grandes Chaillées, Domaine de Monteillet	£245.00 per 12
Côte Rôtie, Clusel Roch	£295.00 per 12

Over £300

Condrieu Côteau de Chéry, Domaine Perret	£310.00 per 12
Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Clos des Papes	£165.00 per 6
Cornas Vieilles Vignes, Alain Vogé	£335.00 per 12
Châteauneuf du Pape Bois de Boursan Cuvée Félix, Domaine Versino	£170.00 per 6
Côte Rôtie Les Rochains, Patrick & Christophe Bonnefond	£180.00 per 6
Côte Rôtie Ampodium, Domaine Rostaing	£370.00 per 12
Châteauneuf du Pape, Château Beaucastel	£220.00 per 6

BUILDING A CELLAR

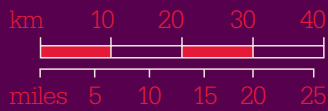
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monthly payment is £50-£100 to build a drinking cellar. If you are looking to build an “investment” cellar we recommend a minimum monthly payment of £300 or more. For more information contact our sales team on sales@goedhuis.com tel: 020 7793 7900 or go to www.goedhuis.com/courses-gifts-other-services/cellar-plans.html.





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Christophe Bonnefond is one of our favourite wine producers. Thoughtful, reflective and sincere, he and his brother Patrick have worked their original family vineyards since 1990. Though they only started with 3 hectares from the family plots, over the years they have built up their domaine to 7 hectares and, in the process, created an excellent reputation for modern, yet terroir-driven wines. They produce three reds – Colline de Couzou as well as two specific 'lieux dits', Côte Rozier and Les Rochains. Despite both 'lieux dits' being located in the Côte Brune, they are very different wines due to soil and exposition; Côte

Rozier tends to be structured and masculine and the Les Rochains, being a slightly warmer vineyard, tends to be a little sweeter and richer.

In 2011 the Bonnefond brothers wanted to pick later than many of their neighbours to make the most of the elongated ripening season. The benefits were clear to be seen in their cellar, they have produced beautifully concentrated wines, with real texture and individuality. These are excellent this year.

● **Côte Rôtie Colline de Couzou**

£270.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

A combined blend of fruit from Côte Brune and Côte Blonde, this cuvée is classic benchmark Côte Rôtie. Spiced dark blackberry and cocoa aromas, this is a very layered and concentrated wine, with lovely unctuous dark fruit flavours. Direct, intense and long. 2016 - 2027

● **Côte Rôtie Côte Rozier**

£180.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

These 40 year old vines produce quite a firm and masculine style of wine which benefits from ageing. Dense and concentrated, with soft vanilla oak aromas, this has a feeling of real power, whilst always feeling quite restrained. Very good quality indeed. 2017 - 2031

● **Côte Rôtie Les Rochains**

£180.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond



Christophe Bonnefond's maternal grandfather planted these vines in the Côte Brune in 1947; he would surely be delighted to see the fine quality of wine they are producing today. Spiced and intense with hints of rich roasted coffee beans, with lots of sweet dark berry fruits. A wine with real depth and a long layered finish. 2017 - 2031





One of the most traditional (and smallest) domaines in Côte Rôtie, Clusel Roch was created in 1989 by Brigitte Roch and Gilbert Clusel. Their philosophy is that Côte Rôtie should be smooth and elegant yet with enough structure to age well, gaining complexity over time. It should also clearly express its unique terroir. In order for this transparency of place to surface, they carry out a “massale selection” – a technique where the best and most adapted vines are chosen from within a producer’s own vineyards. They have also been officially organic since 2002. The soil is tilled by hand and medicinal herbs are used to treat the vines.

2011 was my first visit to the domaine and although I have tasted the Clusel Roch wines in the UK, I fell even more in love with them at the estate itself. They are as complete a reflection of Côte Rôtie as one can get. Their 2011’s highlight the extraordinary purity and poise that only the finest wines from the appellation achieve. These wines are graceful and concentrated and Brigitte’s carefully reflective wine making style has paid off yet again.

● **Côte Rôtie La Petite Feuille**

£240.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

The Clusel Roch family’s young vine cuvée from Côte Rôtie; but don’t be misled. This is a beautifully charming and attractive wine, with perfumed fruit flavours, gentle acidity and supple rounded tannins. It will mature ahead of their main cuvées but produces a delicious forward style. 2014 - 2021

● **Côte Rôtie La Vallière (limited)**

£240.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Situated above Verenay, this wine from 25 year old 100% Syrah vines is very striking indeed. A fine balance between perfumed spiced fruit aromas and dark fruit intensity. Despite the huge levels of concentration, it remains harmonious and gracious. A wine of tremendous complexity with numerous layers. 2017 - 2032

● **Côte Rôtie (limited)**

£295.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond



A blend of 3 different parcels from the famed vineyards of Côte Rôtie, the Clusel Roch style targets finesse and refinement. They use 4% of Viognier in the blend which, in their view, enhances the powerfully scented Syrah grape variety. A lovely 2011 which balances an integrated structure with perfumed fruit flavours and a lovely scented long finish. 2016 - 2028

● **Côte Rôtie Grandes Places (very limited)**

£280.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Planted by Gilbert’s grandfather in 1935 these aged Syrah vines produce a hugely mineral and terroir driven style of wine with masses of power and length. A big brooding style which coats the palate with its strong dark berry fruit flavours and hints of white pepper. Very long and very concentrated. A tremendous wine. 2017 - 2032

In many ways, René Rostaing needs no introduction. A living legend, he has produced some of the most exceptional wines of the valley and has acquired a cult-like status in the appellation, comparable maybe only to Guigal's for their 'Lala' wines, as La Turque, La Mouline and La Landonne are more informally called. Insightful and contemplative, René learned from Rhône Valley greats including his father-in-law, Albert Dervieux and uncle, Marius Gentaz. Upon their retirement, René took over the majority of their vineyards, giving him superb parcels of exceptionally old vines such as those in La Vallière and La Landonne in Côte Brune. A staunch traditionalist, he uses 30-80% of stems during fermentation depending on the vintage and employs Burgundian barrels (228 litres) and demi-muids (600 litres) - of which very few are new - so that his wines express the

soul of their unique 'terroirs'. In his words, "They are the way Côte Rôties should be." He produces three Côte Rôties - a 'village' level as well as La Landonne and Côte Blonde, the wine we affectionately refer to as 'The Queen'.

Like so many other growers in the region, René was keen to stress the importance of the stunning weather of the last two weeks in August and early September; as they say "août fait le mout" - August makes the must - and it was crucial in Côte Rôtie. He explained that the fruit ripened but, equally importantly, it remained clean and free of any maladies. This cleanliness comes through in his wines; as always they are very reflective of their origins and will age to produce wines of huge style.

● Condrieu La Bonnette (limited)

£390.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Striking open aromatic fresh peach fruit aromas. The Rostaing style with no oak at all in the maturation highlights the purity of Viognier's natural fruit flavours. This is a beautiful wine full of balance and harmony with excellent length on the finish. 2013 - 2017

● Côte Rôtie Ampodium (limited)

£370.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£380.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond



A very poised example of the strength of Syrah on the warm baked slopes of Côte Rôtie. Charming sweet ripe black fruit aromas and flavours, this has a generosity of fruit and fine weight in the mid-palate. A wine which exemplifies the finesse for which the appellation is famed. 2015 - 2026

● Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde (limited)

£395.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

An absolutely beautiful wine with almost a Vosne Romanée feel to it. The sweet ripe loganberry aromas are carried through into the palate. This is gorgeously refined, whilst containing misleading levels of power. A truly exceptional wine in the making with huge levels of breeding and class. Simply delicious. 2017 - 2035

● Côte Rôtie La Landonne (limited)

£410.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

The schistose soils of La Landonne help to produce very structured and firm mineral styled wines. The 2011 is very typical with its earthy rustic wild fruit aromas. In the mouth, there is a fine level of structure; the strong tannins are enhanced by the rich sweetness of fruit. A wine of class and excellent aging potential. 2017 - 2035





The dynamic and entertaining Stéphane Montez is the 10th generation of vigneron in the Montez family. On his sheer Mediterranean-like slopes, Stéphane produces renowned Condrieus, perfumed St. Josephs and excellent Côte Rôties from vineyards comprised of decomposed granite soils. Like many people in the valley, he believes in producing wine reductively (with little exposure to air) in order to preserve all the fresh aromatics from his grapes. He is not fearful of using new oak to age his wines, depending on the concentration of the must, but prefers demi-muids to ensure that it never dominates but adds warmth and texture to his handcrafted wines.

Stéphane's enthusiasm for the 2011 vintage was highlighted by the cask by cask tasting he insisted I took part in, as opposed to a quickly put together proposed blend of the individual parcels. He showed me 7 different component parts of the St Joseph and closer to 20 of the Côte Rôtie, so I feel I understand his 2011's very well indeed!! These wines highlight his modernist views and express the characteristics of the estate superbly.

● Condrieu Les Grandes Chaillées

£245.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond



This is a real stunner, with its open flamboyant aromas of peaches and apricots. A beautiful example of the delights of Viognier and why it should be appreciated when young. Rich, perfumed and concentrated, whilst always fresh, and fabulous length on the finish. 2013 - 2018

● St Joseph Cuvée Papy

£160.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£170.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond



A dense and structured St Joseph. The strong bramble fruits are supported by a soft layer of vanillad oak. A well concentrated and defined wine, with real appeal factor. 2013 - 2018

● Côte Rôtie Fortis

£335.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£345.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

A very impressive wine, with its beautifully spiced dark chocolate and berry fruit flavours. Powerfully concentrated, without being excessive, this holds all the criteria for long term ageing. Very good. 2016 - 2026



The first time we drank an André Perret wine we were stopped in our tracks. Pure, elegant, sprightly and ethereal, they are some of the brightest stars amongst a plethora of constellations. His 10 hectares of vines are located in some of the top sites of their appellation, chiselled into small, steep granite terraces. From these vineyards, he makes several whites and reds including two Condrieus and both colours of St. Joseph. André's belief in minimal intervention lets the vineyards express their terroir naturally in a modest and superbly stylish way. As a result,

his whites are elegant and pure and his reds refined, racy and wild - distinctive examples from this exceptional region.

André's 2011s are a delight to taste and highlight his reputation as one of Condrieu's finest wine makers. They are deliciously reflective of the aromatic delights of Viognier and the subtleties of the appellation. To experience them at their best they should be enjoyed young when the exotic primary fruit characteristics are at their most prominent.

● **St Joseph Blanc (very limited)**

£140.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

A fine blend of equal proportions of Marsanne and Roussanne and likewise matured half in stainless steel and half in barrels, this is a very harmonious wine, full of elegance and charm, with a lovely volume of ripe fruit in the mouth. A fine example of the great potential for white wines in this appellation more naturally recognised for its red wines. 2013 - 2018

● **Condrieu Clos Chanson (very limited)**

£295.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

100% barrel fermented and matured, this wine has huge levels of breadth and depth. The rich apricot and white peach aromas follow through into the mouth. This is a lovely, full and concentrated style, justifying Condrieu's reputation for making some of the finest white wines in the world. 2013 - 2017

● **Condrieu Côteau de Chéry (limited)**

£310.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond



Côteau de Chéry has always been a favourite vineyard of mine in Condrieu. It has the wonderful ability to balance the ripeness and opulence of classic Viognier with, as André Perret would say, a little bit of nervousity. In other words this wine is naturally rich and full, but the subtle liveliness and freshness provides added levels of complexity and length on the finish. An outstanding cuvée in 2011. 2013 - 2018

● **St Joseph Rouge**

£135.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

The very precise crisp dark berry fruit aromas follow into the palate. This is a direct and intense style of wine selected from three different vineyard locations in the heart of Chauvenay. A wine with good mid-term ageing potential. 2014 - 2023

There are not very many producers in Hermitage, and Florent Viale is one of the few to harness the appellation's incredible fruit and power with a modern, yet refined touch. This is something that he has come to master since his first vintage in 1991. Over the course of the years, his wines have seized the attention of international wine critics and collectors alike. To capture his wines' incredible fruit flavours, he destems all of his grapes before vinification and prefers larger demi-muids for the ageing of his more prestigious wines. For him, oak should never dominate but rather integrate nicely, emphasising the natural fruit quality.

He produces two Crozes Hermitages including Cuvée Gaby, a blend of the top Crozes Hermitage barrels that are more concentrated and age worthy. In addition, he makes a small amount of red Hermitage, and a minute quantity of white.

The key to the success of the 2011 vintage in Florent's view was to preserve the primary fruit characteristics in his wines. He has most certainly done this, with minimum intervention during the cask ageing. The brightness of fruit in his wines gives them huge levels of charm.



- **Hermitage Blanc (limited)**

£198.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Deep golden in colour, this is rich and full with its fine creamy fruit palate. A wine which comprises the power of great Hermitage Blanc with a subtle freshness underneath, allowing it to be very concentrated without being cloying. Plenty of class here. 2013 - 2020

- **Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby**

£155.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£165.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

The powerfully structured Cuvée Gaby revels in its rich and concentrated style. A full and rounded wine with lots of dark berry spices and a long sweet fruit finish. 2014 - 2020

- **Hermitage**

£198.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

£208.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond

A real stunner, this possesses all the volume and rich texture that one searches for in the best red Hermitages. Different to the poise of Côte Rôtie, this has breadth and succulence of fruit as its key characteristic, and the lovely sweet dark cherry fruit flavours on the finish complete the jigsaw puzzle for a very fine wine indeed. 2017 - 2032

Modest, shy and warmly welcoming, Bernard Faurie makes some of the most incredible wines (in the tiniest quantities) of the Rhône Valley. Rather like a hobbit's hole, his cellar is replete with an earthen floor, small lamps that beam soft warmth on the bottles, foudres and barrels, and a small library of books, perhaps for the occasional literary dip in between rackings. He makes some of the best traditionally styled wines that are elementally pure,

complex and incredibly elegant. Some have even been described as 'sauvage' or 'wild'.

Bernard Faurie's wines always reward patience and his 2011's slightly break the mould for the vintage. They contain a restrained level of power and, whilst they will provide youthful pleasure, the real heights will be after a number of years of bottle ageing.

● **St. Joseph (limited)**

£210.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

Bernard Faurie's wines are as natural as you can get; his old school philosophy of letting the wine make itself has certainly paid off in 2011. Fermenting in whole bunches with the stalks helps to produce a very complex wine with nuances of loganberries and wild berry fruits. The gentle tannic structure is helped by a subtle acidity to produce a restrained but very flavoursome wine. 2016 - 2026

● **Hermitage (limited)**

£225.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond



An exceptional wine, just a shame there is so little of it. Big brooding dark fruit aromas, this is a nice balance between charm, refinement and power. A wine with many layers, great balance and lovely sweet black fruit flavours on the finish. 2018 - 2035

DOMAINE ALAIN VOGÉ, Cornas

Alain Vogé has become a legendary name in Cornas. Producing wine for over 40 years, his style combines Old World charm with Cornas' ability for ripeness and complexity. As a result, his wines tend to be approachable moderately young yet are layered and age worthy. In 2004, Albéric Mazoyer, former general manager for Michel Chapoutier, joined forces with Alain to become his business partner and the domaine's manager. A charismatic and passionate perfectionist, he has taken the innate quality of their wines a step further. They produce several reds including our favourite, Cornas Vieilles Vignes, which is a

blend of parcels from vines that are mostly between 50 – 60 years old. They also make several St Pérays, whites from 100% Marsanne. Robert Parker describes theirs as "one of that appellation's finest" and a "Chablis look-alike".

Alberic likes his 2011's because they compliment the strength of the Syrah when grown on the appellation's dominant granitic soil. The perfect Cornas, in his view, should be a balance between finesse and force, which beautifully describes the characters of this lovely vintage.

● **St Péray Fleur de Crussol**

£220.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

The strength of the Marsanne grape variety is highlighted in this delicious wine. Rich nutty creamy palate, this is a concentrated and mouth-filling wine, with plenty of layers, finishing with hints of peaches and almonds. Very appealing. 2013 - 2017

● **Cornas Vieilles Vignes**

£335.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£345.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond



The strong brooding dark berry fruit aromas are an amazing contrast to the wonderfully appealing vibrant black cherry fruit flavours. This is a wine which manages to balance an extraordinary amount of charm with huge levels of depth and complexity. A very classy wine highlighting why Cornas' granite soils are so suited to producing some of the finest Syrahs in the northern Rhône. 2016 - 2030

● **Cornas Les Chailles**

£210 per 12 Bottles In Bond



The combination of the granite and limestone soils of the Les Chailles vineyards make this a later ripening location, hence it can often be slightly reserved in initial tastings before blossoming to show its true potential. A tightly knit wine, with complex layers of minerality and gentle perfumed fruit flavours. Nicely weighted without being excessive, this is a very fine example of the 2011 vintage. 2016 - 2029



One of the oldest winemaking families in Châteauneuf du Pape, the Avrils began their vinous adventures in the early 17th century. Today the domaine is run by Vincent Avril, who took over from his late father Paul in the early 1990s. Traditional producers with a modern twist, Vincent uses no stems in vinification and ferments in large ceramic-lined vats, but he does age his red varieties in large, old foudres in a humidity-controlled cellar. In addition, his is one of the few domaines in Châteauneuf du Pape to use all 13 recommended regional varieties in their red and all 6 varieties in their white. His meticulous vineyard and winemaking practices have catapulted their reputation over the past 15 years and today they are considered one of the greatest growers in the appellation.

Over the past few years, Vincent has been rebuilding his cellar, which collapsed in 2006 with him almost in it. Now it has been finished, Vincent has turned his attentions to other new projects including the construction of a hugely ambitious (and huge) structure that will incorporate a garage, and storage for tractors etc.

The lower alcohol of the Châteauneuf du Pape wines in 2011 really favours the Clos des Papes style, bringing back memories of the wonderful perfume and finesse for which the estate has always been so famed. However, with a strong proportion of Mourvèdre in the finished blend, his red is most certainly not lacking in presence or power.

● **Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc (limited)**

£165.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

The Avril's white Châteauneuf incorporates all the permitted grape varieties. It has a full ripe creamy palate which benefits from the vintage's slightly fresher acidity. Delicious and full with an air of flamboyance. As always Vincent has hit the spot with his white wine. 2013 - 2021

● **Châteauneuf du Pape (limited)**

£225.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

£460.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

Dense opaque colour with strong aromas of white pepper and dark cassis fruits. In the mouth there is a hugely appealing wild gamey fruit character with a touch of liquorice supported by the weight and depth of the heavier and fuller Mourvèdre variety. This will age extremely well and is very fine. 2016 - 2028

Jean-Paul Versino is the magic behind this domaine (which is also known as Bois de Boursan). After years of making wines from rented vineyards, the Versino family, third generation Piedmonteses in Châteauneuf du Pape, bought 40-100+ year old vines from retiring owners in the mid-1980s. As a result, their vineyards resemble something of a patchwork quilt, comprising 27 different parcels with various soils and microclimates. He makes two Châteauneuf du Pape reds – Bois de Boursan and, in top years, Cuvée Félix. This special bottling is made from

the best parcels and the oldest vines and includes a larger percentage of Mourvèdre. His style tends to be earthy and soulful. It is perhaps for this reason that Robert Parker compares them more to Burgundy than to the wines of the Southern Rhône.

Jean-Paul's passion for his work sings in his 2011's. They are quite traditional in style with a hint of rusticity and as a result have huge personality and are a fine example of classical Châteauneuf du Pape.

● **Châteauneuf du Pape Bois de Boursan**

£185.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£195.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

£90.00 per Jeroboam In Bond

With 70% of Grenache in the blend, this is an attractive forward style of Châteauneuf du Pape with pleasing summer fruit flavours, good rounded mouth feel and soft tannins on the finish. A good early drinking style. 2015 - 2026

● **Châteauneuf du Pape Bois de Boursan Cuvée Félix**

£170.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

£180.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond

The 90 year old vines used for this cuvée produce incredibly low yields to give a very concentrated wine. The intense and ripe Grenache flavours are uplifted by the slight rusticity of the Mourvèdre in the blend. And the gentle freshness on the finish creates a wine of excellent harmony and lovely berry fruit flavours. 2017 - 2029





Château de Beaucastel is undoubtedly one of the most famous domaines in the southern Rhône and probably the most recognisable Châteauneuf du Pape. Created in the early 1900s, this domaine has passed down through several illustrious pairs of hands, including those of the dynamic and philosophical Jacques Perrin and now to those of his two sons, Jean-Pierre and François. Over time, their vineyards have grown to over 110 hectares - all organically farmed - to create their various cuvées. Through the Perrin's creativity, ingenuity and pioneering spirit, their wines are also some of the most atypical for the region. This is no doubt partly due to their red

Châteauneuf du Pape containing the largest percentage of Mourvèdre in the region (usually a minimum of 30%) which contributes notable aromatics of roasted game and chewy, powerful tannins.

Marc Perrin says 2011 is the perfect vintage to express the wines of Ch de Beaucastel. As he says "our wines are not about heaviness, due to the estate's position lying as the corridor of the Mistral for the appellation"; therefore, with its slightly cooler location, their wines are always precise with an air of refinement, both of which could be used as classic descriptions for the vintage.

● Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc

£220.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Bright golden yellow colour. This is full of ripe exotic fruits on the nose. In the palate it is viscous and rich, with a lovely texture of layered creamy flavours. A full and concentrated white Châteauneuf highlighting Roussanne's strength as one of the great white varieties in the world. 2013 - 2018

● Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc Vieilles Vignes Roussanne (limited)

£395.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

Deep golden yellow colour, this has striking, opulent aromas of apricots and almonds. An extraordinarily rich and concentrated wine, with the density of fruit coating the mouth on the finish. Powerful and long. 2014 - 2021

● Coudoulet de Beaucastel

£120.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£130.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond



Bright youthful freshly picked berry aromas. A very attractive style with appealing supple fruit flavours, rounded tannins and an easy charming finish. An early maturing style which will give a lot of pleasure. 2012 - 2020

● Châteauneuf du Pape (limited)

£220.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

£450.00 per 24 Halves In Bond

£450.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

£165.00 per Jeroboam each In Bond



Brilliantly deep dark purple colour. This wine has lovely vibrant open succulent berry fruit aromas. In the palate it balances richness with an uplifting freshness and fine intensity. This is a wine that focuses on balance rather than power and the appealing sweetness of dark berries on the finish provide real appeal and charm to what is a very good wine indeed. 2016 - 2027



Font de Michelle is owned and operated by brothers Jean and Michel Gonnet, as well as Michel's son Guillaume, third and fourth generation winemakers. Their various parcels of vineyards are mostly located around La Crau, one of the best sites in the entire appellation. Velvety texture and fruit forwardness is the key to their modern-styled wines. In order for these innate characters to remain intact, they neither fine nor filter their wines. They also age them in both large foudres and oak barrels enabling them to gently soften. Though we have always enjoyed their wines, over the past 5 or so years we feel that they have hit an impressive pinnacle of quality. This has no doubt partially contributed to Guillaume's intuitive ability to sense how to

vinify or age a wine, adding another element to an already fine and well-established winemaking team.

The Gonnet wine making philosophy is totally against excess and heavy extraction. Guillaume seeks to reflect whatever a given vintage offers. For him it is vital that each year has its own personality and he is rightly proud of his 2011s. Their approachability and charm is everything that he seeks in a vintage. Whilst they didn't make a Cuvée Etienne Gonnet in 2011, their main cuvée has most certainly benefited from the addition of this wine in the estate Châteauneuf this year.

● **Châteauneuf du Pape**

£195.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£205.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

£95.00 per Jeroboam In Bond



Having decided not to make a Cuvée Etienne Gonnet in 2011, only the very finest fruit has gone into this very classy blend. A wine full of dark, wild spiced fruit flavours, it is gamey and rich and has excellent volume and concentration. A wine which highlights why this estate is rightly now considered one of the very best in the appellation. 2015 - 2025

Vieux Télégraphe is one of the most iconic domaines in the Rhône Valley. Originally named after an old telegraph station that stood on the site, the domaine was created in 1989 by Hippolyte Brunier. Over the years it expanded and developed into the estate it is today, an area that covers 70 hectares. Unusually for the region, all their vineyards lie in a single block on La Crau plateau, which boasts some of the best terroir of the region. Unlike most domaines, their focus is to produce the greatest Châteauneuf possible. They have no interest in producing super-extracted, ultra-top cuvées. Rather, they introduced a second wine in order to strengthen the 'Grand Vin', à la Bordelaise. For this reason, we feel that they produce some of the most balanced wines

in the region, which deliver excellent fruit ripeness yet are lifted and poised.

When tasting the 2011s at the estate, the inevitable question as to which vintage the 2011s compare to came up. The fineness of 2000 but with a little more amplexness, similar to the very good 2004s and possibly an air of the earthy texture found in 2001 were all mentioned. In essence there is no single vintage one can compare the 2011s to, but the Brunier wines have lovely definition and highlight why they are considered one of the greatest producers in the Southern Rhône.

● **Châteauneuf du Pape**

£170.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

£180.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond

Whilst not as big and powerful as 2010, this is an absolute joy to taste. The careful blending of 30% whole bunch pressed fruit and 70% destalked berries, provides for a complex and balanced wine. This is a beautiful blend between juicy succulent red cherry fruit flavours, with nicely integrated tannins and a long charming finish. Fresh and tremendous purity. 2016 - 2028



DOMAINE LES PALLIERES, Gigondas

Co-owned since 1998 by the Bruniers of Vieux Télégraphe and the iconic American importer, Kermit Lynch, Domaine Les Pallières makes some of the most complex and powerful Gigondas in the valley. Robert Parker has stated that now they "have gotten a full grasp of this complicated, cool climate terroir, Les Pallières' quality has soared." (Wine Advocate, Oct 2010).

They produce two single-vineyard Gigondas – Les Racine and Terrasse du Diable. Terrasse du Diable is on steeper slopes with lots of stones (similar to Châteauneuf), offering excellent drainage. This can make for more challenging growing conditions and, as a result, the vine tends to put all of its energy into its fruit, producing wines that are very variety-driven, meaning spicier and more typical of Gigondas.

● **Gigondas, Terrasse du Diable**

£175.00 per 12 Bottles In Bond

£185.00 per 6 Magnums In Bond

Lovely spiced peppery fruit aromas. There is an excellent balance between the rich bramble fruit flavours and the striking minerally terroir mouth feel that one expects in the finest locations of Gigondas. The combination of the higher altitude of the Terrasse de Diable vineyards and 45 year old vines make a very complex wine indeed. 2015 - 2024





Mas de Daumas Gassac needs very little introduction. Since 1978, this singular and quite spectacular estate has been producing some pretty remarkable wines. Because of this, it has been dubbed 'Lafite of the Languedoc' by various journalists and critics. One reason that this estate is so special is that they have a markedly unique micro-climate. Housed in a deep valley, cool air is drawn down from the mountains, particularly in the summer evenings, creating daily temperature swings ranging from 0° -

30°C. As a result, they are able to grow up to 40 different varieties successfully - all the while attaining excellent ripeness and retaining the varieties' fresh acidity.

In addition to their delicious 2011 red, we are also offering the 2012 vintage of their delicious highly limited white wine, which they always release a year earlier. Both wines are 'en primeur' and will be shipped in June 2013.

● Mas de Daumas Gassac Blanc 2012

£110.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond
 £120.00 per 12 Halves In Bond
 £120.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond

A core blend of Viognier, Chardonnay, Petit Manseng and Chenin Blanc, this wine balances appealing ripe peach fruit flavours with a subtle touch of citrus zest. The roundness of fruit is perfectly balanced by the open freshness; a striking and forward style. 2013 - 2017

● Mas de Daumas Gassac Rouge

£110.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond
 £120.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond
 £120.00 per 12 Halves In Bond
 £105.00 per Jeroboam In Bond
 £210.00 per Methusaleh In Bond

Stunning vibrant wild black forest fruit aromas. This has delightfully unctuous dark berry fruit flavours, a rich and succulent wine with rounded tannins and an appealing freshness on the finish. Lots of class and very irresistible indeed. 2014 - 2020



Hidden amongst the rolling hills west of St Rémy de Provence lies Domaine de Trévallon. Its origins were in 1973 when Eloi Dürrbach, an architecture student at the time, decided to toss aside his protractors, roll up his sleeves and start planting vines in the craggy limestone rock soil surrounding his parents' holiday home. His instincts told him that the domaine's well-draining, mineral-rich soil,

arid micro-climate and glorious sun would be capable of producing exceptionally powerful and expressive wines... and he was right. Following unsuccessful experiments with other varieties, he began planting 15 hectares of Syrah and Cabernet which he then followed with a smattering of Marsanne, Roussanne (from cuttings at Beaucastel), Chardonnay and, most recently, Grenache Blanc.



● **Domaine de Trévallon Blanc 2012 (very limited)**
£175.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond

An intriguing blend of mainly Marsanne and Roussanne with 5% each of Chardonnay and Grenache Blanc helps to create a very characterful white from this famous estate. Full and appealing creamed fruit aromas; there is a hint of exotic fruit flavours in the palate. This is an open and forward style which is perfect to drink when young. 2013 - 2017

● **Domaine de Trévallon Rouge**
£130.00 per 6 Bottles In Bond
£140.00 per 3 Magnums In Bond
£110.00 per Jeroboam In Bond

Why change a winning formula is Eloi Dürrbach's philosophy; when he started in 1973, he didn't destalk, he vinified and matured the individual parcels separately and the results were sensational, and so he still does today. Tasting the Syrah cuvée and Cabernet cuvee, the potential is all there for a very fine 2011. Both varieties show their levels of concentration, depth of flavours and subtle freshness. The combination of the two will make for a very fine Trevallon in 2011. 2016 - 2026

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