

2018 Charles Tyrand "Signature" Cotes Du Rhone

Vignobles Charles Tyrand, Southern Rhone Valley, France



The Wine:

75% Syrah and 25% Grenache from two small plots near the Tyrand Estate. The Syrah comes from vines averaging 65 years old and the Grenache from a two acre plot of 100 year old vines. The juice is macerated on the skins for 25 days prior to being aged for 15 months in 50% new French oak. The winemaking is a collaborative effort by Jean Michel Tyrand and his longtime friend and wine consultant Philippe Cambie. Only 1800 bottles were made in 2018.

The Estate:

Charles Tyrand is a tiny producer with vineyards in the Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Rhone Villages appellations. Located near the town of Seguret, they grow classic Southern Rhone red varietals of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Carignan. The vines are grown without the use of pesticides and range in age from 10 to 80 years old. The winemaker is Jean Michel Tyrand, a fourth generation grower and producer in the southern Rhone. World famous wine consultant Philippe Cambie, an old rugby playing friend of Jean Michel, is the consulting winemaker. Total production is below 5,000 cases each year.

Tasting Notes:

Color: Dense ruby-purple.

Aromas: Classic Southern Rhone aromas of ripe berries, wild herbs and spice.

Flavor & Texture: Sweet blueberry and black raspberry mingle with exotic spices and Herbs De Provence. The texture is rich and full with soft, mellow tannins.

Food Pairing: Provençal beef stew with fingerling potatoes, carrots, onion, herbs and wild mushrooms.

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