



Montkachet
Fine Wine Merchants

2016
Rhône

2016 RHÔNE

Fine in the North - Great in the South



After an uniformly successful vintage in 2015, the Rhône has been blessed with another excellent vintage in 2016 (and 2017 is looking promising too!).

Following a cool, wet spring, the summer months were dry and sunny and the fine weather continued through September and in to October enabling the grapes to be harvested under ideal conditions. Yields were low as a result of a poor flowering but the late harvest and long growing season resulted in wines that have an abundance of freshness and complexity, welcome attributes for the sunny wines of the Rhône valley.

In the south (Châteauneuf, Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Lirac etc), the 2016s are as good as any young wines that I have tasted, standing comparison with the great vintages of the past thirty years (2015, 2010, 1990). They have wonderful, fresh, ripe fruit allied to good acidity and relatively low alcohol. In short, wines that are both rich and elegant.

In the north (Crozes, Hermitage, Cornas, Saint Joseph, Côte Rôtie) where the spring was wetter, the wines are similarly fresh but have less structure and concentration. They are delicious, precocious wines that will give more immediate pleasure than the 2015s which are more tannic and built for the long term.

As you would suspect, the whites are also most successful with higher acidities and lower alcohol than in 2015. They are fresh, aromatic wines that show an abundance of fruit and ripe, supple textures allied to crisp minerality on the finish.

Despite the weakness of sterling, prices remain reasonable throughout much of the region and provide a further reason to buy. Happy hunting!

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NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE STEPHANE OGIER

This remains one of the top addresses in the northern Rhône, continuing to produce benchmark Côte Rôtie and Condrieu. Stéphane Ogier's impressive new winery just to the south of Ampuis includes extra space for 24 new tanks of varying sizes dedicated solely to his range of Côte Rôtie parcels, increasing his options for vinification and blending. Destemming varies from 0% to 100% depending on the character of each parcel and Stéphane continues to buy second-hand Burgundy barrels from the likes of Pierre-Yves Colin-Morey, Ramonet and Liger-Belair.



	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2016 Viognier de Rosine	£ 216.00	£ 154.00
<i>Stéphane's father Michel started planting this hillside sandwiched in between the Condrieu and Côte Rôtie appellations in the 1980s. The white is vinified in a combination of 600 litre casks and 1700 litre foudres. The 2016 is a great success, a little crisper than the 2015 with lovely, aromatic fruit allied to fine minerality. A fantastic alternative to Condrieu at a great price. Drink 2018-2020.</i>		
2016 Condrieu La Combe de Malleval	£ 384.00	£ 294.00
<i>From two tiny parcels of old vines at an altitude of 300 metres in the lieux-dits of La Combe and Vau Vignère. Vinified in oak, principally one and two year old casks from top Burgundy estates. The malolactic fermentation is partly blocked to increase the tension in the wine. The 2016 is a superb white with great class and complexity. A fine example of viognier at its best, wonderfully aromatic but finishes long and clean. Drink 2018-2021.</i>		
2016 Condrieu Vieilles Vignes de Jacques Vernay	£ 660.00	£ 524.00
<i>From a parcel of viognier planted in 1948 at La Combe. Whole bunch pressing for the cleanest juice, which is then vinified in a single 1700 litre oak foudre from the Austrian barrel-maker, Stockinger. Powerful, concentrated wine with a sensual texture, great intensity of flavour and long, crisp finish. Drink 2018-2021.</i>		
Red		
2016 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Temps est Venu'	£ 168.00	£ 114.00
<i>A relatively new southern Rhône acquisition for Stéphane. 60% grenache from Plan de Dieu is blended with 40% syrah from Visan. Whole and partly destemmed bunches are fermented in cement vats. Rich and fruity with lovely, ripe tannins and impressive freshness. Top quality Côtes-du-Rhône. Drink 2018-2022.</i>		
2016 La Rosine, Syrah	£ 252.00	£ 184.00
<i>From a granite hillside just to the south of Côte Rôtie. The vines are now thirty years old and giving serious, full-flavoured wine. Carefully extracted, this has beautiful blackberry and mulberry fruit, supple, ripe and elegant. As good as most Côte Rôtie at a fraction of the price. Brilliant value. Drink 2019-2024.</i>		
2016 Côte Rôtie Village	£ 480.00	£ 374.00
<i>The product of a number of lieux-dits, vinified in an earlier drinking style than the Réserve. A beautiful expression of syrah with just a hint of viognier. A truly elegant wine with silky, ripe tannins and lovely freshness. Drink 2020-2025.</i>		
2016 Côte Rôtie Réserve	£ 792.00	£ 634.00
<i>From Stéphane's finest plots including Vallières and Champans. Full-bodied, dense wine with masses of red and black fruits. Impressive depth and concentration. Built to last. A great success. Drink 2021-2027.</i>		

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE PIERRE & JEROME COURSODON



For more than four generations the Coursodon family have been making exceptional Saint Joseph from their 16 hectares of organic vineyards surrounding the town of Mauves. In the past ten years Pierre's son, Jérôme, has taken this famous estate to new heights. Lower yields, later picking and 100% destemming have contributed to increased richness and purity in the red wines, whilst the white Saint Josephs are some of the finest expressions of the marsanne grape variety. More of the wines are being aged in 600 litre casks rather than the traditional, smaller (225 litre) barrels and the wines have purer aromas and more precise fruit flavours as a result. Overall, this is a superb set of wines, one of the very best sources in the northern Rhône.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2016 Etincelle Roussanne-Viognier	£ 264.00	£ 194.00
<i>50% Roussanne, 50% Viognier. The first vintage of this exciting new wine from Jérôme Coursodon. Produced from a newly-planted vineyard high on the slope above the village of Mauves where the altitude and poor, granite soil contributes freshness and acidity. Fermented in small oak barrels and aged on the fine lees for six months. The wine doesn't qualify for the Saint Joseph appellation due to the inclusion of the viognier grape variety but the wine is delicious, a careful mix of refreshing roussanne and richer, more aromatic viognier. Drink 2018-2019.</i>		
2016 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Blanc	£ 324.00	£ 244.00
<i>100% Marsanne. This is vinified in stainless steel and aged on the fine lees for six months before bottling. Delicious, stone fruit aromas and a soft, generous texture. A lovely, fresh, refined wine, perfect both as an aperitif and with food. Drink 2018-2020.</i>		
2016 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis de Saint Pierre' Blanc	£ 408.00	£ 314.00
<i>90% Marsanne, 10% Roussanne from vines between 70 and 80 years old, grown on steep granitic soil, matured for 12 months in small french oak barriques and demi-muids, 20% of which are new. A rich, concentrated wine full of creamy fruit with hints of hazelnut and oak followed by an impressive, long, mineral finish. Drink 2018-2020.</i>		
Red		
2016 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Rouge	£ 312.00	£ 234.00
<i>100% Syrah from steep, granitic vineyards in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Saint Jean de Muzols. 100% destemmed in order to maximise the expression of fruit and aged for twelve months in both 600 litre demi-muids from Burgundy tonnellerie Damy and 225 litre pièces from Taransaud and Chassin. Lovely mixture of red and black fruits. Ripe and generous on the palate with supple tannins and refreshing acidity. Drink 2020-2024.</i>		
2016 Saint Joseph 'L'Olive' Rouge	£ 408.00	£ 314.00
<i>This comes from a single plot of sixty year old vines in the village of Saint Jean de Muzols, immediately to the north of Tournon. Destemmed and aged for 15 months in 25% new oak barrels. A full-bodied, powerful, intensely-flavoured wine with ripe, blackberry fruit and touch of spicy oak. This has the depth and balance to age impressively. Drink 2020-2026.</i>		
2016 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Rouge	£ 540.00	£ 424.00
<i>From 80 year old vines grown in the steep, terraced lieu-dit of 'Le Paradis' in the village of Mauves just a few hundred metres from the Coursodon cellar. Aged in a mixture of small 225 litre oak barrels and larger (450 litre) demi-muids. 15% new barrels each year. Magnificent concentration from the old vines and loaded with masses of dark fruits and exotic spices. Drink 2020-2027.</i>		

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE DES AMPHORES



A beautifully positioned property overlooking the Rhône to the north of Chavanay, Domaine des Amphores has been under the current ownership of Philippe & Véronique Grenier since 1994.

The majority of the eight hectares of vineyards lie towards the top of the valley where the Saint Joseph and Condrieu appellations are intertwined. The entire estate is farmed organically and methods are traditional; hand-harvesting, wild yeasts, and old oak preferred to new. Extraction is gentle, with a basket press frequently used; the resulting reds are perfumed and elegant.

This small domaine is little known outside the Rhône and consequently represents great value for money. The 2016 harvest was one of the latest of recent years, stretching well into October but the fine autumn weather has resulted in a range of fine, ripe, supple reds with an abundance of fruit and freshness.

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Red

2016 Syrah 'Les Iris', Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes

£ 144.00	£ 94.00
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From just one hectare of syrah planted just outside the Saint Joseph appellation and therefore only qualifying for Vin de Pays status. Medium-bodied, ripe, vividly fruity, unoaked wine with delicious, red cherry and blackberry fruit. Ripe and supple with carefully-extracted tannins. A lovely example of the syrah grape variety, ideal for drinking young. Drink 2018-2020.

2016 Saint Joseph Les 7 Lieux

£ 204.00	£ 144.00
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The Greniers have four hectares of vines on steeply-sloping hillsides that give this rich and generous wine. A fine example of the Saint Joseph appellation at an absurdly modest price. Aged in a mixture of small oak barrels, larger demi-muids and stainless steel vats, the accent is very much on the fruit. Will be enjoyable young but has the balance and richness to age gracefully. Drink 2019-2024.



NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE DU TUNNEL



Stéphane Robert has moved his wine-making operations from a small cellar in Saint Péray up into the hills above the town. The old railway tunnel that gives the domaine its name is the perfect environment for vinification and élevage. The ambient temperature never rises above 15C even in the height of summer and there is plenty of natural humidity. The tunnel is overlooked by Stéphane's house which boasts commanding views eastwards across the Rhône to the Alps. Both are surrounded by the domaine's own Saint Péray vineyards, planted 50% each to roussanne and marsanne, bucking the trend in an appellation where marsanne is in a 9:1 majority; Stéphane is a firm believer in the quality of roussanne. On the red front, his syrah from Saint Joseph and Cornas remains exceptional. This an immaculate estate producing well-defined wines of power and richness, yet with great balance and approachability.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2016 Saint Péray Cuvée Marsanne	£ 264.00	£ 194.00
<i>Vinified in 5-6 year old oak barrels to give additional richness and succulence of texture without importing any excessive oak flavour. Rich and fresh at the same time, a wonderful example of the marsanne grape variety. Lovely texture in the mouth with crisp acidity providing length and class. Drink 2018-2019.</i>		
2016 Saint Péray Cuvée Roussanne	£ 312.00	£ 234.00
<i>Vinified using only natural yeasts, 35% in oak foudres, 65% in smaller oak barriques. A richer, more powerful wine with an exciting, aromatic quality. The roussanne boasts magnificent fruit and fine minerality, a fine aperitif or wonderful with both fish and white meat dishes. Drink 2018-2020.</i>		
2016 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Prestige'	£ 360.00	£ 274.00
<i>Just 4300 bottles are produced of this rich, concentrated wine. A blend of 80% marsanne and 20% roussanne selected from the oldest vines of the domaine. Drink 2018-2020.</i>		
2016 Saint Péray 'Pur Blanc'	£ 456.00	£ 354.00
<i>Three barrels are made from 100% marsanne from a single plot of 100 year old vines. Beautifully elegant wine with fantastic aromatic quality, silky texture and magnificent length on the finish. Drink 2018-2021.</i>		
2016 Condrieu 'La Chanson'	£ 480.00	£ 374.00
<i>Stéphane makes three barrels of this Condrieu from vines in the village of Chavanay. Fermented and aged for nine months in three year old barrels. 100% viognier, beautifully aromatic with masses of ripe fruit and just a hint of oak. Drink 2018-2021.</i>		
Red		
2016 Saint Joseph	£ 336.00	£ 254.00
<i>From vines up to 50 years old in the villages of Mauves and Tournon. The bunches are 90% destemmed to give a rich, succulent texture. Ripe and generous with beautiful sweet fruit. Lovely, complete wine that will be delicious young and age magnificently. Drink 2019-2026.</i>		
2016 Cornas	£ 432.00	£ 334.00
<i>Aged for twelve months in 3-4 year old casks. Intense, concentrated wine with great depth and power. The fruit is supremely ripe and well-balanced by high quality, silky tannins showing much more elegance than you might expect from Cornas. Drink 2020-2028.</i>		
2016 Cornas Vin Noir	£ 552.00	£ 434.00
<i>From 100 year old vines planted across 3 parcels; Combe, Eygats and Champelrose, this forms less than 20% of Stéphane's Cornas production. Dense and brooding with masses of black fruits and well-endowed with plenty of ripe tannin. Needs time but will be magnificent. Drink 2021-2030.</i>		
2016 Cornas 'Pur Noir'	£ 1,044.00	£ 844.00
<i>A miniscule amount of even richer wine than the Vin Noir. A fabulous equivalent to Stéphane's 'Pur Blanc' combining amazing depth and concentration with impressive freshness and elegance. Drink 2021-2032.</i>		

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE YANN CHAVE

One of the northern Rhône's most exciting young winemakers, the talented Yann Chave joined his father Bernard at the family winery in 1996 and swiftly began to move away from supplying the local co-operative and into the production of his own wine.

Today the domaine is fully certified organic across its 20 hectares which includes Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage with an average vine age of 30 years for the Hermitage and 25 years for the Crozes. Yann makes beautifully crafted, concentrated yet supple expressions of syrah.



	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
Red		
2016 Crozes-Hermitage	£ 222.00	£ 159.00
<i>Harvested late between 23rd September and 7th October in order to take full advantage of the fine end of season weather. This is 100% destemmed and fermented and aged principally in stainless steel vats. Beautiful, vivid, syrah fruit with supple tannins, generous texture and long aftertaste. Already delicious but with the depth and concentration to age well in the medium term. Drink 2019-2024.</i>		
2016 Crozes-Hermitage Le Rouvre	£ 252.00	£ 184.00
<i>A single plot of old (over 55 years) vines from the "Chassis" area in Pont de l'Isère, where the soil is dominated by large, round pebbles. Matured in one and two year old, 600 litre oak demi-muids from Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau. Meaty, dark fruit with excellent concentration, ripe tannins and impressive length. Has both freshness and power, really high quality Crozes-Hermitage. Drink 2020-2026.</i>		
2016 Hermitage	£ 684.00	£ 544.00
<i>From two of the finest sites (Beaume and Péléat) on the hill of Hermitage where the loess dominated soil is particularly well exposed to the south-west. Aged in 100% new French oak demi-muids. Impressive, powerful wine with masses of red and black fruits. Complex and spicy with plenty of ripe tannins and a long concentrated finish. A brilliant wine which will repay cellaring. Drink 2022-2030.</i>		



NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE MICHELAS-ST JEMMS

Created by Robert and Yvette Michelas in 1961, the domaine is now managed by their 4 children; Sylvie, Florence, Corine and Sébastien.

The estate extends over 50 hectares of the northern Rhone with the majority of the vines in the Crozes-Hermitage appellation. Parcels are situated in the villages of Larnage, Mercurol, Beaumont-Monteux and Pont de L'Isère with a variety of soils including granite, clay, pebbles and shale.

The vineyards are managed by Sébastien, the youngest of the Michelas children. Yields are controlled by the sparing use of fertiliser, strict winter pruning and a green harvest in summer if necessary. Leaves are removed in late summer to allow the sun to reach the fruit and improve ventilation. All the crop is hand-harvested to ensure optimum quality.



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Red

2016 Crozes-Hermitage 'Signature'

£ 204.00	£ 144.00
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100% Syrah from a range of sites throughout the appellation. 100% destemmed and fermented and aged principally in stainless steel vats in order to preserve the maximum of fruit and freshness with judicious use of oak to add structure and complexity. Masses of aromatic, ripe, soft, brambly fruit on the nose and fine purity of flavour on the palate. Ripe and generous with carefully extracted tannins. Can be enjoyed young but has the depth and balance to age well in the medium term. Drink 2019-2024.

2016 Crozes-Hermitage La Chasselière

£ 222.00	£ 159.00
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From a single parcel of the estate's oldest (45 years) vines; grown on stony soils to the south of the hill of Hermitage. 100% destemmed, fermented in stainless steel vats and then aged for twelve months in a selection of oak barrels and demi-muids to add texture and complexity, this displays intense black fruits in a denser, more concentrated style. Lovely, close-knit texture and impressive, long aftertaste. Drink 2020-2026.



SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE CHAMFORT

This exciting 26 hectare estate was purchased in 2010 by the youthful Vasco Perdigao. The son of Portuguese immigrants, Vasco started making wine in Provence and then did a seven year stint with Alain Paret in Saint Joseph. As a result he brings a refreshing northern Rhône touch to the traditional, spicy, gaminess of the south.

Vasco continues to expand the domaine which now consists of a number of superb parcels of old vines in Rasteau, Vacqueyras, Sablet and Séguret.

Bursting with enthusiasm, the dynamic Vasco is clearly a name to watch; not only is the quality on a steep upward curve, but the wines also represent superb value for money across the board.



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White

2017 Sablet Blanc	£ 168.00	£ 114.00
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95% Viognier and 5% Marsanne fermented in stainless steel in order to preserve the wonderful, aromatic fruit quality. Fresh and elegant with a soft, generous texture. Drink 2018-2019.

Red

2016 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, Les Patis	£ 114.00	£ 69.00
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90% Syrah, 10% Grenache. Soft and juicy with masses of red berry fruit and a hint of spice. Lovely, approachable, great value red that combines freshness with fine depth and flavour. Drink 2018-2019.

2016 Côtes du Rhône	£ 132.00	£ 84.00
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60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Cinsault. All from vines within the village of Sablet. Fermented in both stainless steel and oak vats. Vividly fruity on the nose, ripe and generous on the palate and with just the right amount of grip on the finish. Absolutely delicious. Drink 2018-2021.

2016 Sablet, Côtes du Rhône Villages	£ 156.00	£ 104.00
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60% Grenache, 40% Syrah. From three hectares of vines situated at the higher end of the village where the fruit ripens more slowly and the wines are fresher and finer. More black fruits with a hint of liquorice. This is probably even better than the splendid 2015 and shows just how good the wines from this less well-known village can be. Drink 2019-2022.

2016 Rasteau	£ 174.00	£ 119.00
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70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. The grenache brings richness and spice, the syrah imparts fine freshness and length to the finish. Aged for 12 months in large old oak foudres, this has a beautiful mixture of sweet, red and black fruits with complex notes of coffee and game. Drink 2019-2023.

2016 Vacqueyras	£ 192.00	£ 134.00
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65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah. From 40 year old vines on average. Partly aged in large oak vats and partly in cement vats. The most concentrated wine in the cellar with intense, blackberry fruit, carefully-extracted tannins, generous texture and terrific length on the finish. Most impressive. Drink 2019-2024.

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE LA BOUISSIERE



Domaine La Bouissière has been run by brothers Thierry and Gilles Faravel since 1990. Nine hectares of vines are situated just below the famous Dentelles de Montmirail, making them some of the highest in Gigondas. This elevation permits a long growing season, adding elegance and freshness to the traditional richness and body of the appellation.

Everything is hand-harvested, the grapes are then partially destemmed and lightly crushed, undergoing long macerations prior to fermentation in concrete or stainless steel vats with indigenous yeasts. After fermentation the wines are aged in an eclectic mixture of small oak barrels, 600 litre demi-muids and 10,000 litre oak foudres. There is even a small cement, egg-shaped vat.

The wines are kept on the fine lees without racking to reduce the need for sulphur and only the minimum of fining and filtration is used.

In recent vintages, the domaine has achieved greater elegance through cooler fermentation and less extractive winemaking techniques. The 2016s are some of Thierry's best ever wines, as rich and concentrated as the impressive 2015s but with even greater freshness.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
Red		
2016 Les Amis de la Bouissière	£ 144.00	£ 94.00
<i>40% Merlot, 40% Syrah, 5% Grenache, 15% Caladoc. This delicious blend, which includes two non-traditional grape varieties, comes principally from vineyards near the river Ouvèze. Fermented and aged in stainless steel tanks, the aim is to make a vividly fruity wine with masses of ripe, juicy fruit and just enough tannin lifted by fresh acidity. Always great value, and this vintage is one of the very best. Drink 2018-2021.</i>		
2016 Vacqueyras	£ 252.00	£ 184.00
<i>50% Grenache, 40% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. The estate owns two and a half hectares on the lower slopes of Vacqueyras where the soil is a complex mixture of galets, clay and sand. The fruit ripens easily on the warm soil and Thierry likes to pick early. 60% of the fruit is destemmed in order to avoid too much tannin. Aromatic, sweet liqueur character; supple, ripe, bramble fruit with spicy tannins. Already delicious but with the depth and concentration to age magnificently. Drink 2019-2024.</i>		
2016 Gigondas	£ 276.00	£ 204.00
<i>70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. The Faravels have nine hectares of Gigondas vines, 90% of which lie high up in the Dentelles de Montmirail. Only 30% of the bunches are destemmed and the wine is aged 60% in oak foudres and 40% in small, cement, egg-shaped vats. This is a lovely, aromatic wine, full of sweet, ripe fruit. Rich and opulent yet with beautiful freshness due to the fine acidity. Drink 2019-2025.</i>		
2016 Gigondas Font de Tonin	£ 396.00	£ 304.00
<i>90% Grenache, 10% Mourvedre. This is a superb blend of old vine grenache planted in 1963 on two terraces high up in the Dentelles, plus mourvèdre planted in 1920 lower down in the valley. The grenache is fermented as whole bunches whilst the mourvedre is destemmed to avoid the risk of too much tannin. The blend is then aged in 225 litre French oak barrels that Thierry buys either new from tonnellerie Rousseau or second-hand from Domaine Joblot in Givry. This is a serious, complex, powerful wine with intense, spicy fruit and an impressive, long finish. Drink 2020-2026.</i>		

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE DU GRAPILLON D'OR

Bernard Chauvet and his daughter Céline own one of the great, traditional estates of Gigondas. They have 14.5 hectares of vines scattered over 18 different plots throughout the village, planted 80% grenache, 15% syrah and 5% cinsault. The vines are cultivated organically, all the fruit is harvested by hand and the wines vinified and aged in a mixture of cement vats and large oak foudres.

2016 was an even hotter summer than 2015 and the wines are impressively rich with dense, ripe, fruit balanced by fine, fresh acidity.



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Red

2016 Gigondas

£ 240.00 £ 174.00

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Hand harvested, fermented in cement vats and then aged for fifteen months in large old oak foudres. Rich and open with classic, sweet, blackberry aromas leading to darker, spiced plum and cherry notes. Plenty of guts with impressive, ripe tannins giving structure to a dense, fruity wine. Drink 2020-2025.



SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE LAFOND ROC-EPINE

This estate is named after a famous French race horse of the 1960s; Rocquépine, a favourite of winemaker Pascal Lafond's father. The current winery was constructed in the 1970s and has been considerably extended over the years to accommodate all the wine as the domaine has expanded to its current 85 hectares. These are spread over four appellations; Lirac, Tavel, Côtes du Rhône and Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Every plot of vines is worked organically, without the use of chemical pesticides or herbicides. All the grapes are hand harvested to preserve quality and are destemmed before fermentation. The wines are fermented in stainless steel vats and then aged in a mixture of small oak barrels and larger foudres with Séguin-Moreau the cooperage of choice.

The Liracs are serious wines at a very attractive price, whilst the Châteauneuf regularly ranks amongst the finest of the appellation.



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White		
2017 Lirac Blanc	£ 156.00	£ 104.00
<i>50% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier. Harvested at the end of August in order to retain vital freshness and acidity, this is fermented in stainless steel and has lovely, honeyed, ripe, fruit aromas with a soft appealing texture and fine zip on the finish. Just 10% of the wine is aged briefly in new oak barrels to add extra texture and complexity. Drink 2018-2019.</i>		
Rosé		
2017 Tavel Rosé	£ 156.00	£ 104.00
<i>45% Grenache, 25% Cinsault, 15% Syrah, 10% Clairette, 5% Carignan. Pale, pink colour with delicious strawberry nose. Delicate but with real character and flavour. Long, fresh finish. A wonderful change from much, insipid Provence rosé. Drink 2018-2019.</i>		
Red		
2016 Côtes du Rhône	£ 126.00	£ 79.00
<i>65% Grenache, 35% Syrah. Unoaked, this has vivid, pure fruit with a lovely mixture of fresh raspberries, currants and plums with a touch of spice. Delicious, supple texture and has sufficient structure and balance to age in the medium term. Drink 2018-2022.</i>		
2016 Lirac	£ 156.00	£ 104.00
<i>65% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre from terraces covered in the distinctive galets roulés of the region. This is full of concentrated blackberry and cherry fruit and has an impressive, close-knit texture that augurs well for the future. Lirac is an undervalued appellation and this is one of the very finest examples. Fully ripe tannins and a long, spicy aftertaste. Drink 2019-2024.</i>		
2016 Lirac La Ferme Romaine	£ 216.00	£ 154.00
<i>A selection of the best plots of the estate, often the oldest vines on the stoniest soils. Aged for twelve months in small French oak barrels from Seguin-Moreau in order to give greater structure and complexity. Châteauneuf quality at a Lirac price. Drink 2020-2025.</i>		
2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape	£ 336.00	£ 254.00
<i>80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre from two parcels; one pebbly, one of sand and galets roulés. After a long cuvaion, the syrah and mourvèdre components are aged in barriques while the grenache spends 18 months in vat and foudres. An intense, concentrated wine full of rich, dark, blackberry fruit and a long, complex finish. This is even better than the fabulous 2015 and is probably the finest vintage made by Pascal Lafond since he acquired the vines in the 1990s. Drink 2020-2026.</i>		

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES



The Boiron family have been making wine in Châteauneuf-du-Pape since 1860. Nicolas Boiron is now in charge and continues to make full-bodied Châteauneuf from a minimum of 75% grenache. The estate covers 30 hectares spread across 40 different parcels, all of which are hand harvested. The average age of the vines is a venerable 50 years.

The majority of the wines are aged for twelve months in large oak *foudres*, although Nicolas is also starting to use some *demi-muids* in the cellar. The top *cuvées* are given an extra 6 months in cask before bottling.

Nicolas likes to use stems whenever possible to extend fermentation, making it longer and more even, improving balance and complexity. The fruit has to be completely ripe for this approach. Fortunately, this is rarely a problem for the old grenache vines at Bosquet des Papes.

£ per case (12x75cl)	£ per case (12x75cl)
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2016 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Nicolas Boiron	£ 144.00	£ 94.00
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80% Grenache, 15% Syrah & 5% Cinsault. Nicolas purchased four hectares of vines just outside the Châteauneuf appellation in 1995 and bottles the wine under his own name to avoid confusion with his Châteauneuf. The bunches are 100% destemmed to avoid excessive tannin. Rich and structured for a Côtes du Rhône with fine fruit, ripe tannins and long, generous finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition	£ 348.00	£ 264.00
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75% Grenache, 12% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah & 3% Vaccarèse, Counoise & Cinsault. 60% of the bunches are fermented whole with a lengthy maceration of up to four weeks. Rich and fleshy with fine, fresh aromas and masses of red and black fruits on the palate. Ripe and generous, this has a delicious, succulent texture and impressive, long aftertaste. Has the balance and depth to age magnificently. Drink 2019-2026.

2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape A la Gloire de Mon Grand-Père	£ 444.00	£ 344.00
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100% Grenache. From a small parcel of 60-70 year old vines growing on the clay soils in the north of the appellation. 50% whole bunches, macerated for nearly five weeks followed by 18 months ageing in 600 litre demi-muids and larger oak foudres. Rich and dense, this has amazing concentration; a splendid, traditional Châteauneuf. Drink 2020-2027.

2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Chante le Merle	£ 504.00	£ 394.00
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85% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah. Produced from the oldest (80 years+) vines of the estate, all the grapes are fermented as whole bunches and aged in a mixture of demi-muids and foudres. Amazing, vibrant, spicy nose with masses of blackberry and plum fruit. Great depth and concentration. Sweet, succulent texture and extremely long finish. Drink 2020-2028.

2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée La Folie	£ 672.00	£ 534.00
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80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre. Only made in the best vintages, this is a small cuvée from a single plot of 90-100 year old vines on the Mont Redon plateau. Vinified in a more modern style to the rest of the range, all the fruit is destemmed before undergoing a long, cool fermentation followed by maturation in a mixture of small 225 litre French oak barrels and larger (600 litre) demi-muids. Full-bodied with fine, tannic structure filled out by wonderful, glossy fruit. Beautiful, creamy texture with impressively ripe tannins and superb length on the finish. Drink 2019-2027.

Terms and Conditions- All wines are offered both In Bond and Duty Paid. Duty Paid prices are per case (12x75cl) including VAT (at 20%). In Bond prices are only available when the wine is to be delivered to a bonded warehouse. All wines will be invoiced at the duty paid price unless we are provided with a bonded warehouse account or freight forwarder's details.

Availability and deliveries- Some wines are available for immediate delivery, the remainder will be shipped to the UK between now and December 2018. Deliveries are free for orders of 3 cases or more within mainland England and Wales. For smaller orders there is a carriage charge of £ 15 within mainland England and Wales. Deliveries to Scotland and Overseas are charged at cost.

How to Order- Please email your order to office@montrachetwine.com or ring us on 020 7821 1337 to discuss your requirements.

Payment- We accept payment by bank transfer, cheque (made payable to Montrachet) and Debit card. Debit cards will be charged when your invoice is raised to confirm the stock at the time of ordering. Montrachet is a trading division of Charles Taylor Wines Ltd.

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