

Montrachet
Fine Wine Merchants

2017
Rhône

2017 RHÔNE

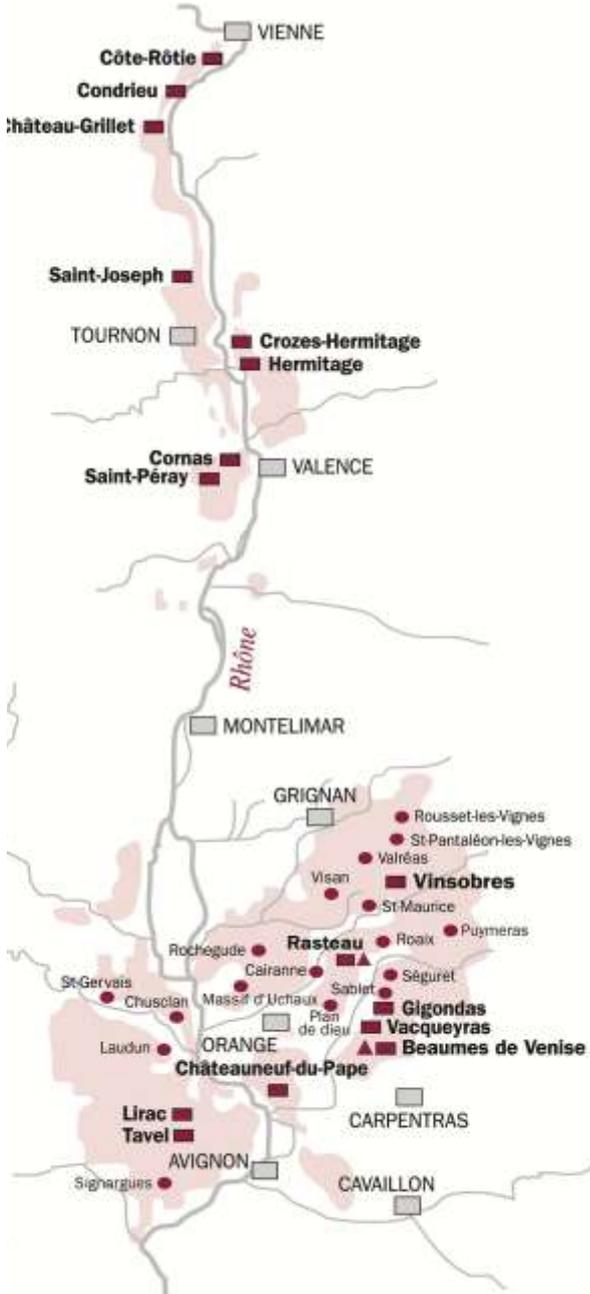
2017 is the third excellent vintage in a row in the Rhône Valley with a perfect growing season that, throughout most of the region, allowed a good-sized crop to reach full maturity delivering a harvest of rich, ripe, concentrated fruit that has resulted in a glorious vintage of intensely flavoured whites and generous, succulent reds.

The spring was generally warm and the summer hot and dry with the fine weather lasting well into September.

In the north, the flowering passed off well but yields were low due to the dry summer. The whites are rich and aromatic, more concentrated in flavour but lower in acidity than in 2016. The reds are delicious, combining the depth and concentration of 2015 with the freshness and elegance of 2016. The tannins are ripe, the textures are generous and the finishes are long and sweet.

In the south, the flowering was less successful with the grenache in particular suffering from coulure. As a result, 2017 was a smaller crop than 2016 with, in many places, a higher than usual proportion of syrah and/or mourvèdre in the blend. The southern whites are forward and fruity but for early drinking whilst the best reds stand comparison with the magnificent 2016s.

Overall, it is another successful vintage throughout the Rhône. This is my selection of personal favourites including some spectacular northern Rhônes produced by Stéphane Ogier, Yann Chave, Stéphane Robert and Jérôme Coursodon, together with delicious southern reds from Pascal Lafond and Thierry Faravel. With a smaller crop harvested in 2018, 2017 is a vintage well worth buying.



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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 Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair as well as new barrels from the tonnelleries of Taransaud and Saury.



Stéphane Ogier

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2017 Viognier de Rosine	£ 264.00	£ 193.00
<i>In the 1980s, Stéphane's father Michel started planting this hillside sandwiched between the Condrieu and Côte Rôtie appellations. The viognier grapes are vinified in a mixture of 228 litre oak barrels, 600 litre demi-muids and 1700 litre foudres. With elegant stone fruits on the nose, this is rich and round yet elegant and refined. Already delicious, this will age gracefully in the medium term. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
2017 Condrieu 'La Combe de Malleval'	£ 504.00	£ 393.00
<i>From two tiny parcels of old vines at an altitude of 300 metres in the lieux-dits of La Combe and Vau Vignère. Splendid quality in 2017 as the low yields precluded the production of Stéphane's Vieilles Vignes de Jacques Vernay and all the fruit was used for La Combe de Malleval. Dense, rich and concentrated with fine, balancing acidity. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
Red		
2017 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Temps est Venu'	£ 156.00	£ 103.00
<i>55% Grenache from Plan de Dieu is blended with 35% Syrah from Visan, with 5% each of Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Attractive wine with intense aromas of raspberries and spices. Excellent structure and freshness with generous texture and ripe tannins. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
2017 Syrah La Rosine	£ 240.00	£ 173.00
<i>From thirty year old vines planted on granite slopes just 500 metres south of Côte Rôtie. 15% of the bunches are fermented whole, followed by 12 months ageing in oak barrels. Highly aromatic with masses of syrah fruit. The tannins are carefully extracted and the wine finishes fresh and sweet. Drink 2021-2026.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph, 'Le Passage' Rouge	£ 300.00	£ 223.00
<i>From 3 communes; Malleval, Limony and St-Pierre-de-Boeuf. The Malleval gives strength and structure, Limony freshness and fruit, St-Pierre-de-Boeuf, tannins and power. The result is a lovely, harmonious wine full of ripe fruit complemented by fresh acidity and silky tannins. Drink 2022-2027.</i>		
2017 Syrah de Seyssuel, 'L'Ame Soeur'	£ 432.00	£ 333.00
<i>A relatively new vineyard on the eastern bank of the Rhône immediately to the north of Vienne. The steep, west-facing slopes capture all the afternoon sun and Stéphane has three parcels of syrah planted at different altitudes resulting in a complex, balanced wine. Drink 2023-2028.</i>		
2017 Côte Rôtie 'Mon Village'	£ 540.00	£ 423.00
<i>From a number of plots in different sectors of the appellation, chosen for their freshness and purity of fruit. Beautiful, blackcurrant aromas, generous fruit and silky tannins on the finish. Drink 2022-2029.</i>		

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE PIERRE & JEROME COURSDON



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 red wines are now being aged in 600 litre casks rather than the traditional, smaller (225 litre) barrels in order to maximise the fruit flavours.

In 2017, the dry summer reduced the crop by 25% resulting in a splendid range of dense, concentrated wines that have both the structure of 2015 and the freshness of 2016.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2017 Etincelle Roussanne-Viognier	£ 264.00	£ 193.00
<i>A blend of 20% Roussanne and 80% Viognier, fermented and aged partly in oak and partly in stainless steel. These two aromatic grape varieties work really well together and this has wonderful floral notes and a fine, mineral structure. Finishes crisp and long. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Blanc	£ 324.00	£ 243.00
<i>100% Marsanne planted on clay and granite soils. Fermented and aged in stainless steel. Lovely, generous wine with masses of fresh fruit and a crisp, mineral finish. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Blanc	£ 420.00	£ 323.00
<i>From a single plot of old vines planted with 90% Marsanne and 10% Roussanne. Vinified in small 225 litre oak barrels, of which 20% are new. Low yields due to the old vines and dry summer. This is a wonderfully rich, aromatic wine, full of peachy fruit with great length on the finish. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
Red		
2017 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Rouge	£ 312.00	£ 233.00
<i>100% Syrah from steep, granitic vineyards in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Saint Jean de Muzols. The bunches are 100% destemmed in order to maximise the expression of fruit and then aged in both 600 litre demi-muids from Burgundy tonnellerie Damy and 225 litre pièces from Taransaud and Chassin. Rich and generous with delightful, plummy fruit and silky tannins. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2021-2025.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph 'L'Olive' 	£ 420.00	£ 323.00
<i>Produced from a single plot of sixty year old vines in the village of Saint Jean de Muzols, immediately to the north of Tournon. 100% destemmed and aged for 15 months in a mixture of 20% new oak barrels and demi-muids. An impressive, full-bodied, powerful wine with tremendous depth and concentration. Will age magnificently. Drink 2022-2028.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph 'La Sensonne'	£ 546.00	£ 428.00
<i>From a selection of the domaine's finest parcels, this wine is aged in 100% new oak barrels from the tonnelleries of Taransaud and Chassin. Tremendous aroma of spiced cassis and blackberry. Rich and concentrated with impressive structure and length. Drink 2022-2030.</i>		
2017 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Rouge	£ 564.00	£ 443.00
<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. With half the stems retained, this has a fine, aromatic quality with masses of dark fruits on the palate and wonderful spice on the finish. Drink 2022-2030.</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.

In 2017, spring frost reduced the crop but the magnificent summer weather ensured an early harvest in the first half of September and a splendid range of dense, rich, concentrated wines.



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Red

2017 Syrah 'Les Iris', Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes

£ 156.00	£ 103.00
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From two parcels of vines on granite soils but just outside the Saint Joseph appellation and therefore only qualifying for Vin de Pays status. Unoaked, this is wonderfully aromatic with splendid plum and cherry fruit. A delicious, medium-bodied wine with supple tannins and a ripe, succulent texture. Drink 2019-2021.

2017 Saint Joseph Les 7 Lieux

£ 216.00	£ 153.00
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This is a more serious wine from four hectares of vines on steeply-sloping hillsides. A rich and generous wine, aged principally in 600 litre demi-muids. With an attractive nose of red and black fruits, this is rich and round with intense fruit on the palate. Has silky tannins, with underlying freshness and an impressive, long finish. Drink 2020-2025.



NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE DU TUNNEL



Stéphane Robert

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.

In 2017, after a perfect growing season, the white grape varieties were harvested at the end of August in order to preserve the maximum of freshness and acidity with the syrah following a week later from 4th to 15th September. The warm, dry summer resulted in a small crop of rich, concentrated wines. The whites are ripe and aromatic; the reds are dense and powerful with lovely freshness and beautiful, ripe tannins. It is rare to have such a combination of depth and elegance.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2017 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Roussanne'	£ 336.00	£ 253.00
<i>Vinified using only natural yeasts, 50% in 1000 litre wooden vats and 50% in four to five year old oak barriques. With a honeyed nose, this wine is rich whilst still being elegant. The roussanne provides delicious fruit on the palate and is full and concentrated with fine minerality on the finish. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
2017 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Prestige'	£ 336.00	£ 253.00
<i>This blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne comes from a single plot of 100 year old vines planted on granite and clay soil in the town of Saint Péray itself. Only 4000 bottles are produced of this splendid wine which is vinified and aged in 20% new oak barrels, adding even greater body and structure. A fine, aromatic wine with wonderful richness and generosity. Drink 2019-2021.</i>		
Red		
2017 Saint Joseph	£ 348.00	£ 263.00
<i>From vines up to 50 years old in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Glun. The bunches are 95% destemmed, fermented at a relatively low temperature, and aged in four year old barrels for 12 months. A rich, full bodied yet supple wine with lovely, ripe, black and red fruits on both nose and palate. Drink 2021-2027.</i>		
2017 Cornas	£ 444.00	£ 343.00
<i>An intense, concentrated wine with impressive depth and power. The fruit is exceptionally ripe with wild raspberry and blackberry notes. With 15% of the stems retained during fermentation, the tannins are ripe and the texture generous. Finishes long and peppery. Drink 2022-2028.</i>		
2017 Cornas 'Vin Noir'	£ 552.00	£ 433.00
<i>From 3 different parcels of 100 year old vines in the lieux-dits of Les Eygats, Coteaux and Grillage. The fruit is vinified with 30% of the stems and then aged in four year old barriques. Dense, concentrated wine with fresh, ripe tannins and masses of cherry and blackberry fruit. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2023-2030.</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.

In 2017, Yann picked early, in the second week of September, and has crafted a magnificent range of concentrated yet supple examples of the syrah grape.



Yann Chave

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(12x75cl)
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IN BOND

Red

2017 Crozes-Hermitage £ 234.00 £ 168.00

Produced from 25 year old vines in the villages of La Roche de Glun, Mercurol and Pont de l'Isère. The bunches are 100% destemmed, fermented and macerated for three weeks and aged in stainless steel vats which enhances the ripe fruit and freshness on the palate. Ruby red, with blackberry and cherry on the nose, this is a beautiful, vividly fruity wine. Generous and velvety with supple, ripe tannins and a long finish. Drink 2020-2024.

2017 Crozes-Hermitage Le Rouvre £ 270.00 £ 198.00

From a single plot of 55 year old vines in the "Chassis" area of Pont de l'Isère, where the soil is dominated by large, round pebbles. Maturation is for 12 months in 650 litre oak demi-muids from Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau, of which 15% are renewed each year. With dark fruits on the nose, this wine is rich and round with an impressive structure. Has the depth and concentration to age magnificently. As good as many producers' Hermitage. Drink 2021-2028.

2017 Hermitage £ 720.00 £ 573.00

From vines that are rooted in two of the finest sites (Beaume and Péléat) of the hill of Hermitage where the loess dominated soil is particularly well exposed to the south-west. 100% destemmed and vinified in stainless steel vats at a maximum of 28C and then aged for 12 months in 75% new oak demi-muids. Masses of dark cherry fruit on the nose with a sumptuous texture and magnificent length on the finish. Drink 2023-2032.



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 Rhône 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.



Sylvie Chevrol-Michelas

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
Red		
2017 Crozes- Hermitage 'Signature'	£ 204.00	£ 143.00
<i>100% Syrah, destemmed and fermented at a low temperature in order to maximise the fruit and freshness. Given 15 days of maceration on the skins, with daily remontage, this is vividly fruity with lovely blackberry aromas. Rich and generous on the palate with ripe, supple tannins and splendid length on the finish. Drink 2020-2025.</i>		
2017 Crozes-Hermitage La Chasselière	£ 234.00	£ 168.00
<i>From two vineyards, Chasselière and Carolyn, which are home to some of the estate's oldest vines (45 years). Fermented and aged in both small, new oak vats and 3 year old demi-muids. An impressive, concentrated, complex wine with hints of black cherry and liquorice. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2021-2027.</i>		



SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE LA BOUÏSSIÈRE



Thierry Faravel

Domaine La Bouïssière 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 bunches are then partially destemmed and lightly crushed, before fermentation in concrete or stainless steel vats with indigenous yeasts. The wines are aged in an eclectic mixture of small oak barrels, 600 litre demi-muids and larger oak foudres. There are also some new 17 hl cement, egg-shaped vats.

In 2017, the flowering was more successful in the higher altitude vineyards below the Dentelles de Montmirail giving Thierry a decent-sized Gigondas crop. Given the ripeness of the fruit, extraction was careful with less pigeage and lower fermentation temperatures (28C-29C maximum) than normal resulting in a fine range of rich yet elegant wines.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
Red		
2017 Les Amis de la Bouïssière	£ 150.00	£ 98.00
<i>40% Merlot, 40% Syrah, 20% Caladoc. This delicious blend, which includes two non-traditional grape varieties, comes principally from vineyards near the river Ouvèze. 90% destemmed, the three grape varieties are fermented together and then aged in both concrete vats and stainless steel tanks. Attractive deep purple robe with masses of delicious, ripe juicy fruit. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
2017 Vacqueyras	£ 252.00	£ 183.00
<i>50% Syrah, 42% Grenache, 8% Mourvèdre. From 2 parcels, La Ponche and Bel-Air, on the lower slopes of Vacqueyras, where the soil is made up of galets, clay and sand. 80% of the fruit is destemmed and 80% of the wine is aged in a mixture of demi-muids and foudres and 20% aged in a 17hl cement egg shaped vat. A delicious rich wine full of black fruits, carefully extracted tannins and a fine, long, fresh finish. Drink 2020-2025.</i>		
2017 Gigondas	£ 276.00	£ 203.00
<i>75% Grenache, 25% Syrah. The Faravels own 9 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 65% in oak foudres, and 35% in small, cement, egg-shaped vats. A lovely, aromatic nose with hints of black fruit and spice. Rich, opulent and vibrant on the palate with ripe, soft tannins and an intense long finish. Drink 2020-2026.</i>		
2017 Gigondas Font de Tonin	£ 396.00	£ 303.00
<i>90% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre. A delicious 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. 95% of the grenache is fermented as whole bunches whilst the mourvèdre is completely destemmed. The wine is then aged in small oak barrels, principally from the tonnellerie Rousseau near Gevrey-Chambertin. In 2017, two out of the eleven barrels were new. Powerful, rich and dense with intense, spicy fruits on the palate. A complex wine with an impressive structure and smooth tannins. Drink 2021-2027.</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 with 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.

The 2017 harvest started on 14th September, just three days later than in 2016. With lower yields, 2017 has given another splendid range of wines; dense and concentrated with marvellous purity of fruit.



Céline Chauvet

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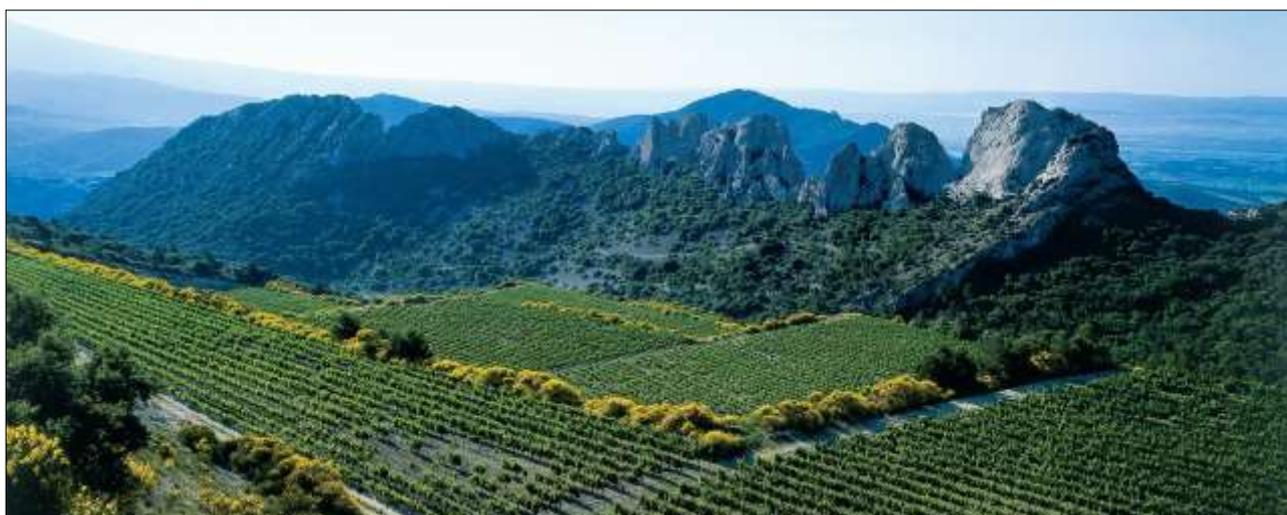
Red

2017 Vacqueyras	£ 216.00	£ 153.00
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70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. This comes from the plateau of Vacqueyras where the grenache and syrah are planted on soil made up of pebbles and clay limestone. 100% destemmed and macerated for 15 days at 32C. With heady aromas of red fruits, this wine is elegant and well balanced with ripe tannins and fine freshness. Drink 2020-2024.

2017 Gigondas	£ 240.00	£ 173.00
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80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Hand harvested and destemmed, the fruit is fermented in cement vats and then aged for fourteen months in large old oak foudres acquiring roundness and softening its tannins. Lovely cassis and cherry fruits on both nose and palate. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2021-2026.



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 as the domaine has expanded to its current 85 hectares. The whole estate is worked organically, without the use of chemical pesticides or herbicides. All the grapes are hand harvested and 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 Seguin-Moreau the cooperage of choice.

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



Pascal & Jean-Baptiste Lafond

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2018 Lirac Blanc	£ 162.00	£ 108.00
<i>50% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier. Fermented in stainless steel vats with a small proportion of the wine aged briefly in new oak barrels at the end of the vinification process. This wine is rich and flavoursome with a fine, underlying freshness and a long, crisp finish. Drink 2019-2020.</i>		
Rosé		
2018 Tavel Rosé	£ 162.00	£ 108.00
<i>60% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 15% Syrah, 10% Clairette and Carignan. A vivid pink colour with a delicious strawberry nose. Rich and full of character, whilst retaining great freshness and style. Drink 2019-2020.</i>		
Red		
2017 Côtes du Rhône	£ 132.00	£ 83.00
<i>50% Grenache, 50% Syrah. The grenache suffered from poor flowering so 2017 sees a greater proportion of syrah in the blend. Red cherries and raspberries with a hint of spice on the nose. Concentrated and round on the palate with good structure and length on the finish. Drink 2019-2022.</i>		
2017 Lirac	£ 168.00	£ 113.00
<i>65% Grenache, 35% Syrah. From a mixture of sandy and stony soils in the heart of the appellation. The grapes are destemmed and macerated for a total of three weeks. 30% of the crop is aged in small Seguin-Moreau oak barrels. Rich and generous with a splendid mixture of red and black fruits. Drink 2020-2024.</i>		
2017 Lirac 'La Ferme Romaine'	£ 216.00	£ 153.00
<i>70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. From a single parcel of old grenache planted on galets roulés plus a selection of the best syrah of the estate. Half of the wine is aged for eight months in oak barrels of which a third are new. A powerful and concentrated wine with blackberry and plum aromas. Dense and rich on the palate and finishes sweet and long. Châteauneuf du Pape quality and amazing value. Drink 2021-2026.</i>		
2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape	£ 348.00	£ 263.00
<i>60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Mourvèdre from three parcels: Pradel with its limestone subsoil, L'Etang with a complex mixture of sand and clay, and Les Grands Serres with its distinctive gravel. After a long cuvaison, the syrah and mourvèdre components are aged in barriques whilst the grenache spends 18 months in vat and foudres to preserve the fruit. Powerful, concentrated wine with masses of fruit. Rich and succulent with a fine, long aftertaste. Drink 2022-2027.</i>		

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE BOSQUET DES PAPES



Nicolas Boiron

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.

In 2017, a combination of hot days and cold nights led to a reduced crop due to poor flowering of the Grenache. There will be only 30,000 bottles of the Tradition – instead of the usual 40,000.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID INC VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
Red		
2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition	£ 336.00	£ 253.00
<i>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. The wine is then aged in both large oak foudres and demi-muids. With a wonderful bouquet of forest fruits and spices, this wine is full bodied, rich and gourmand. Smooth, ripe tannins and an impressive, long, firm finish. Drink 2020-2027.</i>		
2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape A la Gloire de Mon Grand-Père	£ 432.00	£ 333.00
<i>100% Grenache. From 60-70 year old vines growing on the clay soils in the north of the appellation, near Châteaux Rayas and Beaucastel. 50% of the bunches are destemmed and aged for 18 months in 600 litre demi-muids and larger oak foudres. A rich and structured wine showing excellent concentration. Firm, ripe tannins are superbly integrated and a streak of minerality gives an added dimension. Drink 2021-2028.</i>		
2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Chante le Merle	£ 504.00	£ 393.00
<i>85% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah. Produced from vines of more than 80 years old. All the grapes are fermented as whole bunches and macerated for five weeks. A stunning wine of great complexity, brimming with concentrated plum fruits. The tannins are firm but ripe and the intensity of flavour continues with a superb long finish. Drink 2021-2029.</i>		

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