



Montrachet
Fine Wine Merchants

2015
Rhône

2015 RHÔNE

Magnificent reds from both North and South



2015, in contrast to a challenging 2014, was a viticulturist's ideal growing season. After a slow, wet start, the summer was generally dry and warm, with a number of arid, hot periods interspersed with just the right amount of welcome rain. September continued fine and sunny, and with the fruit in perfect condition, wine-makers could choose their moment to pick each, individual plot at the optimum moment.

The reds are magnificent, certainly the finest since 2010, with many growers claiming to have made their best ever wines. The dry summer gave a crop of thick-skinned, concentrated grapes and the resultant wines are rich and opulent whilst retaining excellent freshness and acidity. Quality is superb throughout the Rhône valley but particularly in the north where great vintages come along less regularly. There is also excellence at all levels, so whilst the top Hermitage, Côte Rôtie and Cornas are as good as you would expect, there is also fantastic quality and, therefore, great value to be found in the less exalted appellations of Saint Joseph and Crozes-Hermitage. Similarly in the south, the best growers in villages such as Sablet, Seguret, Rasteau and Lirac have made wines of superb quality that are available at relatively modest prices.

The whites are delicious, forward wines. Some lack acidity but growers with vines in the cooler *climats* have made crisp, refreshing wines that combine richness with minerality and will give a huge amount of pleasure if drunk young.

The only fly in the ointment is the weakness of sterling that has inevitably caused price increases from last year. However, the quality is such that I urge you to buy as much as you can of this lovely vintage.

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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.



White

2015 Viognier de Rosine

From just on the edge of Condrieu, this is vinified in a combination of steel tank for freshness and oak for texture and structure. The malolactic fermentation was partly blocked in 2015 in order to preserve sufficient acidity. This is beautifully aromatic, restrained but showing fine viognier character. A lovely, textured palate which builds in weight yet finishes with fine freshness. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Condrieu La Combe de Malleval

From a tiny parcel of old vines at an altitude of 300m. Vinified in a range of different barrel sizes, 5% of which are new. A superb white with great complexity, this displays ripe peaches and hazelnuts on the nose and wonderful richness on the palate. Drink 2017-2020.

2015 Condrieu Vieilles Vignes de Jacques Vernay

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 17 hectolitre oak foudre. This is one of the finest whites of the vintage. Powerful, concentrated wine with a rich, creamy texture, plenty of extract and a fine, elegant finish. Drink 2017-2021.

Red

2015 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Temps est Venu'

A relatively new Southern Rhône acquisition for Stéphane. Grenache from Plan de Dieu is blended with syrah from Visan. Whole bunches are fermented in cement vats. Rich and fruity with lovely, ripe tannins. Top quality Côtes-du-Rhône. Drink 2017-2021.

2015 La Rosine, Syrah

From a granite hillside just to the south of Côte Rôtie. Serious flavour but vinified to be ready for drinking relatively early. Beautiful blackberry and mulberry fruit, supple, ripe and elegant. As good as much Côte Rôtie, at a fraction of the price. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Côte Rôtie Village

The product of a number of lieux-dits, vinified in an earlier drinking style to the Réserve. Aromatic, spiced forest fruits, a refined elegant wine with silky, approachable tannins and lovely balance. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Côte Rôtie Réserve

From Stéphane's finest plots including Vallières and Champans. Rich, dark fruit with ripe, silky tannins. Amazing depth and persistence on the finish. A great success. Drink 2020-2027.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE PIERRE & JEROME COURSON



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. Pierre's son, Jérôme, has taken this famous estate to new heights. Lower yields, later picking and 100% de-stemming have contributed to increased richness and purity in the red wines, whilst the whites are some of the finest expressions of the marsanne grape variety.

Jérôme's 2015 reds are the finest he has made since the superb 2009 and 2010 vintages, combining rich, opulent fruit with silky, ripe tannins and lovely, fresh acidity. More of the wines are being aged in 600 litre casks rather than the traditional, smaller (225 litre) pièces 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.

White

2016 Etincelle Roussanne-Viognier

50% Roussanne, 50% Viognier. The first vintage of this exciting new wine from Jérôme Coursodon. From a new 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. Enjoy it young as the vines are still youthful and the accent is very much on the fruit. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Blanc

100% Marsanne, vinified in stainless steel. Delicious white peach and honeysuckle aromas and a soft, generous texture. A lovely, fresh, refined wine. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis de St Pierre' Blanc

90% Marsanne, 10% Roussanne from vines between 70 and 80 years old, grown on steep granitic soil, matured for 12 months in French oak barriques, 20% of which are new. A striking white full of creamy, stone fruit with hints of hazelnut and a long, fresh mineral finish. Tiny production as a result of the hot, dry summer. Drink 2017-2020.

Red

2015 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Rouge

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. Pure blackberry and cherry fruit aromas with hints of pepper. Silky tannins, supple and elegant with finely-judged tannins and refreshing acidity. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Saint Joseph 'L'Olive' Rouge

60 year old vines from a single plot in Saint Jean de Muzols. De-stemmed and aged in 25% new oak for 15 months. A rich, powerful wine with ripe, bramble fruits, hints of coffee and a touch of spicy oak. Impressive, long finish. This has the depth and balance to age beautifully. Drink 2020-2026.

2015 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Rouge

From 80 year old vines grown in the steep, terraced lieu-dit of 'Le Paradis'. Aged in 50% pièce, 50% demi-muid, with 10% new oak. Great concentration, loaded with masses of dark fruits and exotic spices. Magnificent depth and wonderful complexity on the finish. Drink 2020-2027.

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 8 hectares of vineyards lie towards the top of the valley where the Saint Joseph and Condrieu appellations are intertwined.

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 2015s are probably the finest that the Greniers have ever made.

Red

2015 Syrah 'Les Iris', Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes

Medium-bodied, ripe, vividly fruity, unoaked red with delicious raspberry and mulberry fruit. Carefully-extracted tannins give a ripe, supple texture. A fine example of the syrah grape variety, ideal for drinking young. Drink 2018-2020.

2015 Saint Joseph Les 7 Lieux

Rich and generous, this is a great example of the Saint Joseph appellation at a very modest price. Aged in a mixture of small oak barrels and larger demi-muids, 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 winemaking 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.

White

2015 Saint Péray Cuvée Marsanne

Vinified 50% in stainless steel and 50% in oak barriques. Rich and fresh at the same time, a wonderful example of the marsanne grape variety. Lovely texture in the mouth with ripe acidity providing length and class. Drink 2017-2019.

2015 Saint Péray Cuvée Roussanne

50% in oak foudres, 50% 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 2017-2020.

Red

2015 Saint Joseph

From vines up to 50 years old in the villages of Mauves and Tournon. Rich, ripe and dense with generous texture and beautiful, sweet fruit. Lovely, complete wine that will be delicious young and age magnificently. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Cornas

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.

2015 Cornas Vin Noir

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.

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 25 years for the Hermitage and 20 years for the Crozes. Yann makes beautifully crafted, concentrated yet supple expressions of Syrah.



Red

2015 Crozes-Hermitage

The fruit comes from 3 villages: Mercuriol, La Roche de Glun and Pont de l'Isère, each contributing its own characteristics to the wine. 100% destemmed, then fermented and aged in stainless steel to preserve primary fruit character. Bright, vibrant berry fruit, impressive richness and plenty of energy with an elegant finish. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Crozes-Hermitage Le Rouvre

A vineyard selection from the "Chassis" area located within Pont de l'Isère, where the domaine has its oldest vines (over 55 years old) on soils dominated by large, round pebbles. Matured in 1 year old, 600 litre oak demi-muids. Meaty, dark fruit with excellent concentration, ripe tannins and impressive length. Has both freshness and power, really high-quality Crozes Hermitage. Drink 2019-2026.

2015 Hermitage

From two sites: Beaume and Péléalat, on a loess dominated soil, particularly well exposed to the south-west. Aged in 100% new small French oak barrels from Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau. Superb, loaded with deep, powerful black fruits. Complex and spicy with swathes of rich, ripe tannins and a long concentrated finish. A brilliant wine which will repay cellaring. Drink 2021-2030.



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.



Red

2015 Crozes-Hermitage 'Signature'

100% Syrah from a range of sites with no new oak. Full of aromatic, ripe, soft, bramble fruit, excellent purity with gentle, ripe tannins which add fine depth and just the right level of structure. Immediately enjoyable but with the potential to age well. Fantastic quality for this price, with masses of ripe fruit and avoiding any hint of rusticity. Drink 2018-2024.

2015 Crozes-Hermitage La Chasselière

From a single parcel of the estate's oldest vines; grown on stoney soils to the south of Hermitage. Aged in a selection of oak barrels and demi-muids to add texture and complexity, this displays intense red and black fruits in a denser, more concentrated style. Approachable but the splendid depth and concentration of the wine deserves a few years ageing. Drink 2020-2026.



SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE CHAMFORT

This exciting 26 hectare estate was purchased in 2010 by the affable Vasco Perdigao. It consists of superb parcels of old vines in Rasteau, Vacqueyras, Sablet and Séguret.

Born in Portugal, Vasco started making wine in Provence before a 7 year stint with Alain Paret in St Joseph. As a result he brings a refreshing northern Rhône touch to the traditional, spicy, gaminess of the south. 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.



White

2015 Sablet Blanc

95% Viognier and 5% Marsanne fermented in stainless steel in order to preserve the wonderful, aromatic fruit quality. Fresh and elegant with soft, generous texture and beguiling flavour. Absolutely delicious. Drink 2017-2018.

Red

2015 Vin de Pays de Vaucluse, Les Patis

70% Syrah, 30% 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 2017-2019.

2015 Côtes du Rhône

50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Cinsault from vineyards in and around the village of Sablet. Fermented in a combination of stainless steel and large wooden vats. Supple, perfumed, mulberry flavours with just the right amount of spice and grip on the finish. Absolutely delicious. Drink 2017-2021.

2015 Sablet, Côtes du Rhône Villages

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah from 3 hectares of vines situated at the higher end of the village where the wines are fresher and finer. More black fruits with a hint of liquorice. The best Sablet Vasco has made so far and a fine example of how good the wines from this less well-known village can be. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Séguret, Côtes du Rhône Villages

80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre. Grown on a combination of limestone, sand and red clay soils. Vasco prefers mourvèdre to syrah here, as he feels it imparts greater minerality and character to the wine. Packed with spiced cherry fruit, dark and meaty with plenty of concentration. A lovely, rich, complete wine. Drink 2018-2023.

2015 Rasteau

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah, aged for 12 months in large old oak foudres. Full of luscious, sweet, red and black fruits with complex notes of coffee and game. This has marvellous depth and concentration and finishes sweet and long. More tannic than the Séguret so requires a little patience. Drink 2019-2023.

2015 Vacqueyras

65% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre, 15% Syrah. From 40 year old vines on average. Partly aged in large oak vats and partly in cement. Chunky, meaty, blackberry fruit with plenty of tannin, fine structure 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. 9 hectares of vines are situated at the base of 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 wines which are some of the finest of the village. Everything is hand-harvested, and the grapes are partially de-stemmed and lightly crushed, undergoing long macerations prior to fermentation in concrete with indigenous yeasts. The winery is gravity-fed, with fining and filtration avoided whenever possible. The wines are kept on the fine lees without racking, to reduce the need for sulphur, and a combination of old and new French oak is used.

In recent vintages, the domaine has achieved greater elegance through cooler fermentation and less extractive winemaking techniques. **The 2015s are some of Thierry's best ever wines, combining richness with remarkable freshness and elegance.**

Red

2015 Les Amis de la Bouissière

40% Merlot, 40% Syrah, 10% Grenache, 10% Caladoc from vineyards by the river. Fermented and aged in stainless steel tank. Ripe, juicy and plummy fruit, soft tannins lifted by fresh acidity. Always great value, and this vintage is no exception. Drink 2017-2021.

2015 Beaumes de Venise

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah aged in a variety of vat, demi-muids and small oak barrels. The south-facing slopes of Beaumes de Venise give a rich, powerful wine, packed with lush dark berry fruits with hints of chocolate and game. Drink 2019-2023.

2015 Vacqueyras

60% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre from the lower slopes of Vacqueyras where the fruit ripens easily. Thierry likes to pick early, in 2015 on two days; 23rd September for the syrah and 26th September for the grenache and mourvèdre. 70% 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 2018-2024.

2015 Gigondas

75% Grenache, 25% Syrah harvested at the beginning of October. The fruit is 50% destemmed and the wine aged in a mixture of stainless steel vats and large oak foudres. Lovely, aromatic, sweet fruit with flavours of red cherry and blackberry. Rich and ripe, yet retains poise and elegance. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Gigondas Font de Tonin

80% Grenache planted in 1963 on two terraces high up in the Dentelles, plus 20% Mourvèdre planted in 1920 lower down the valley. Serious, complex and powerful; rich and dark with deep chocolatey fruit and an amazing, long, spicy finish. Very impressive. Drink 2020-2026.

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE DU GRAPILLON D'OR

Bernard Chauvet and his daughter Céline have 14.5 hectares of vines scattered over 18 different plots in Gigondas. They also have 2 hectares in Vacqueyras and 3 hectares given over to the production of their Vin de Pays. 80% of the vines are grenache, 15% syrah and 5% cinsault.

As always quality remains high here driven by hard work in the vineyards and a strict selection at harvest time, resulting in an impressive set of rich, concentrated wines.

The 2015s are some of the domaine's finest ever wines, combining high levels of ripeness and concentration with excellent freshness and minerality.



Red

2015 Merlot-Caladoc, Vin de Pays de Vaucluse

Caladoc is a crossing of grenache and malbec created in the 1950s. Small quantities are scattered around the South of France where it is often used as a blending component to add punch and spice, as seen here. Ripe and dark, with a nice balance of fruit, tannins and acidity, gutsy and spicy; great value. Drink 2018-2020.

2015 Vacqueyras

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Céline vinifies the Vacqueyras to be more forward than the gutsier Gigondas. 100% destemmed and then fermented and aged in stainless steel vats to give a modern, fruit-driven wine. This has masses of fruit, plenty of structure and flavour but no rough edges. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Gigondas

85% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Hand harvested and aged in large old oak foudres. Rich, open and approachable; perfumed with classic, sweet, blackberry aromas leading to darker, spiced plum and cherry notes on the long, balanced finish. Soft, generous tannins. Drink 2019-2024.



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 de-stemmed 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 represent serious wines at a very attractive price, while the Châteauneuf regularly ranks amongst the finest of the appellation.

White

2016 Lirac Blanc

50% Grenache Blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier. Fermented in stainless steel to retain freshness, this has lovely, honeyed, ripe fruit aromas with a soft appealing texture and fine zip on the finish. Drink 2017-2018.

Rosé

2016 Tavel Rosé

60% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 20% Syrah. Delicious, vibrant flavours of ripe strawberries balanced by crisp, fresh acidity. Drink 2017-2018.

Red

2015 Côtes du Rhône

70% Grenache, 30% Syrah, unoaked. Beautiful, pure fruit, lovely mixture of fresh raspberries, red currants and plums with a touch of spice. Beautiful, supple texture, a really bright, generous wine of charm and class. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Lirac

60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 5% Carignan, 5% Mourvèdre from terraces covered in the distinctive galets roulés of the region. This is full of concentrated blackberry and cherry fruit and has lovely ripe tannins and a touch of spice on the finish. Drink 2019-2023.

2015 Lirac La Ferme Romaine

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. Chateauneuf quality at a Lirac price. Drink 2019-2024.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre from two parcels; one pebbly, one of sand and galets roulés. After a long cuvaision, the syrah and mourvèdre components are aged in barriques while the grenache goes into tank and foudres. An intense, concentrated wine full of rich, dark, berry fruit and a long complex finish. Probably the finest vintage made by Pascal Lafond since he acquired the vines in the 1990s. Drink 2020-2026.

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. Average vine age is 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 cave. 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.

Red

2015 Côtes du Rhône, Domaine Nicolas Boiron

80% Grenache, 15% Syrah & 5% Cinsault. From a small 3 hectare vineyard just outside the Châteauneuf appellation purchased by Nicolas in 1995. Rich and structured with fine fruit, ripe tannins and long, generous finish. Drink 2018-2022.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition

75% Grenache, 11% Mourvèdre, 11% Syrah & 3% Vaccarèse, Counoise & Cinsault. A third of the bunches are fermented whole with a lengthy maceration of 28 days. Dense and chewy with fine, fresh aromas, lovely plum and damson fruit on the palate and impressive, long aftertaste. Has all the elements to age particularly well. Drink 2019-2025.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape A la Gloire de Mon Grand-Père

98% Grenache, 2% Cinsault & Clairette. 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 35 days followed by 18 months ageing in oak foudres. Deep, rich and intense, this is fantastic traditional style Châteauneuf. Drink 2020-2027.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Chante le Merle

80% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah. Produced from the oldest (80 years+) vines of the estate, the fruit is fermented as whole bunches and aged in a mixture of 600 litre demi-muid and larger oak foudres. Amazing, vibrant, spicy nose with masses of red and black fruits. Great depth and concentration. Sweet, succulent texture and long finish. Drink 2020-2028.

2015 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée La Folie

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, 85% of the bunches are destemmed before undergoing a long, cool fermentation followed by maturation in larger, new oak barrels. Beautiful, sweet, ripe red and dark berry flavours with hints of vanilla and spice. Lovely, succulent, creamy texture with soft ripe tannins and superb length. Drink 2019-2028.

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