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2019  
Rhône

# 2019 RHÔNE

2019 continues the run of splendid vintages in the Rhône valley. Both the northern and southern parts of the region produced a wealth of intense, concentrated wines after a long, hot, dry growing season. The whites are rich and opulent with masses of ripe fruit whilst retaining fine freshness. The reds are dense and sumptuous with fantastic depth and intensity of flavour.

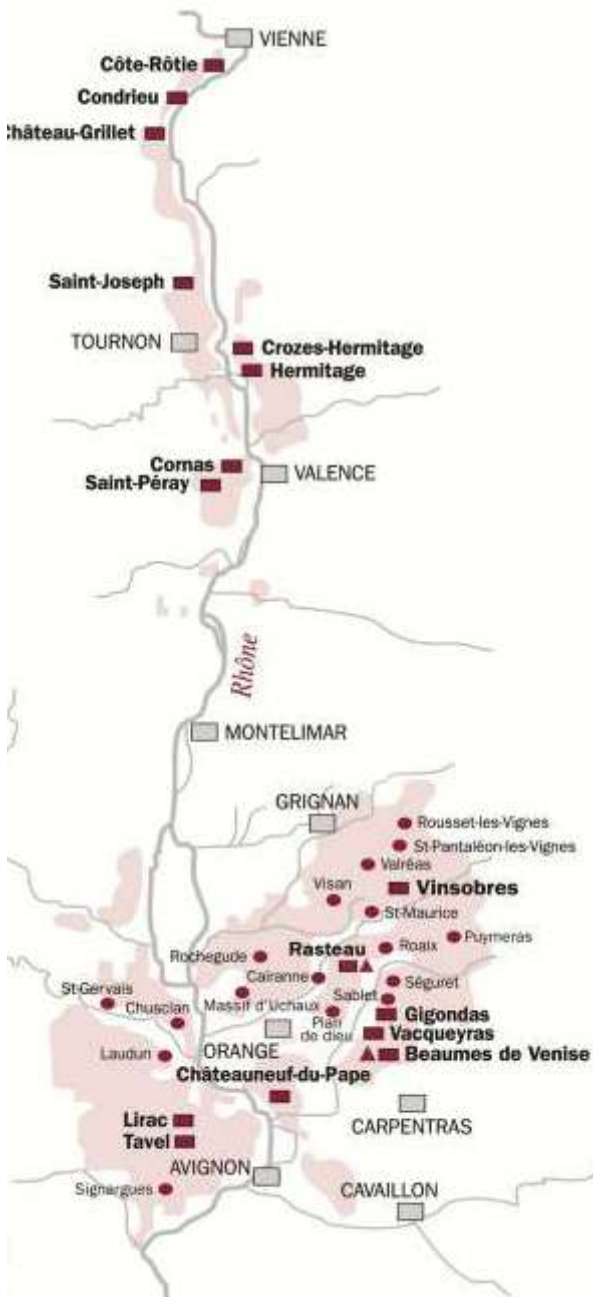
After some rain in early spring that replenished groundwater reserves and a bud break that was a little later than in 2018, the Rhône enjoyed a long, warm, dry growing season that lasted until late September and enabled growers to choose their moment to harvest a decent-sized crop of ripe, healthy grapes.

The only area to suffer untowardly was the southern part of the Crozes-Hermitage appellation where there was a devastating hailstorm on 15th June. The quality of the fruit that survived was excellent and the wines have turned out well but are only available in pitiful quantities.

In most places, there was only occasional rainfall throughout the summer but the majority of growers reported enough to sustain the vines and the harvest was generally completed by the third week of September under fine conditions.

In the north, there are many impressive red wines in the same rich, opulent style of 2017 and 2018 whilst the whites have managed to retain fine freshness despite the summer heat.

In the south, the vintage is more consistent than 2018 when a wet spring caused problems with fungal disease and further rain later in the season resulted in some dilution. The 2019s in contrast are rich and powerful with the best examples showing fine freshness and vitality.



Charles Taylor

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## NORTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE YANN CHAVE

Yann Chave joined his father Bernard at the family winery in 1996 and swiftly set about expanding and improving the estate. Today, the domaine is certified organic across its 20 hectares which includes 1.15 hectares on the hill of Hermitage itself.

Vinification is meticulous. The fruit is 100% destemmed and then macerated for 20-25 days in stainless steel vats, followed by ageing for 9-12 months in either stainless steel or 650 litre oak casks.

The 2019 harvest took place in the first and second weeks of September. The fruit was high in both sugar and acidity, the result of a small crop following a hailstorm on 15th June and a dry summer. This is a superb range of dense, concentrated wines with magnificent, fresh syrah fruit and impressive structure.



Yann Chave

#### Red

2019 Crozes-Hermitage

£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
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£ 216.00	£ 153.00
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*Yann owns land in both the northern and southern sections of the appellation and makes this wine from a number of different parcels. The vines average 25 years of age. Vinified exclusively in stainless steel vats in order to maximise the fruit, this is a fine example of pure, unadulterated syrah. Lovely, fresh blackberry and blackcurrant fruit is complemented by touches of spice and herb. Ripe and generous with a long, clean finish. Delicious to drink young or you can wait for it to develop greater complexity as it ages. Drink 2021-2026.*

2019 Crozes-**Hermitage 'Le Rouvre'**

£ 288.00	£ 213.00
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*A selection of Yann's finest parcels of old syrah vines in the Chassis sector in the south of the appellation. Aged for 12 months in 1 and 2 year old 650 litre oak barrels from tonnelleries Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau. This is seriously rich and concentrated with fine, dark fruits on both nose and palate. Has the density and ageing potential of most Hermitage. Drink 2024-2032.*

2019 Hermitage

£ 768.00	£ 613.00
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*Yann owns 1.15 hectares on the hill of Hermitage in two lieux-dits: Beaume and Peleat. Aged in 100% new, 650 litre barrels. After a magnificent 2018, this is just as concentrated but also has fine freshness and acidity. Amazing purity of fruit and some of the finest tannins that I've ever seen in a young Hermitage. A complete wine that will age splendidly. Drink 2026-2035.*



## 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 15°C even in the height of summer and there is plenty of natural humidity.

2019 was another hot summer but with sufficient rainfall to produce a decent-sized crop of perfectly ripe, healthy grapes.

Stéphane says that it was crucial to pick promptly and advanced his harvest dates by 5-7 days.

The whites have a lovely balance of fruit and acidity whilst the reds have immense depth and concentration. This is a great range and one that confirms Stéphane as one of the finest wine-makers in the Rhône.



	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
<b>2019 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Roussanne'</b>	£ 348.00	£ 263.00
<i>Stéphane is one of the few Saint Péray producers to have significant plantings of the more capricious but high quality Roussanne grape variety. Most is planted high on the hillside where the climate is cooler. Vinified using only natural yeasts, 50% in 1000 litre oak vats and 50% in four year-old barriques. Gloriously aromatic with ripe, honeyed, peachy fruit on the nose and a rich, generous texture. Finishes fresh and clean. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
<b>2019 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Prestige'</b>	£ 360.00	£ 273.00
<i>A blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne from a single plot of 100 year old vines next to the town of Saint Péray. Vinified and aged for nine months in 4 year-old oak barrels, this is intense and concentrated with lovely, waxy Marsanne fruit. Impressive, long aftertaste. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
Red		
2019 Saint Joseph	£ 384.00	£ 293.00
<i>Stéphane has numerous plots of vines up to 50 years old in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Glun. The bunches are 90% destemmed, fermented in stainless steel vats at a relatively low temperature, and then aged in 5 year-old barrels for 12 months. Intensely aromatic with wonderful brambly fruit. Rich and generous with fine freshness, carefully extracted tannins and a long, sweet, finish. Drink 2023-2031.</i>		
2019 Cornas	£ 504.00	£ 393.00
<i>Produced from fifteen parcels of vines in different sectors of the appellation and vinified with 15% of the stems retained. Denser and more concentrated than the Saint Joseph with darker fruits, firmer tannins and a closer-knit texture. Impressive, long aftertaste. Will age magnificently. Drink 2024-2033.</i>		
<b>2019 Cornas 'Vin Noir'</b>	£ 600.00	£ 473.00
<i>From 3 different parcels of 100 year-old vines in the lieux-dits of Les Eygats, Combes and Champelrose. The fruit is vinified with 30% of the stems and then aged in two and three year old barriques. Dark, backward wine with powerful fruit, magnificent structure and long finish. Less sumptuous than the Cornas but ultimately even more rewarding. Drink 2026-2035.</i>		



## NORTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE PIERRE & JÉRÔME COURSDON

The Coursodon family have been making exceptional Saint Joseph for four generations from 16 hectares of organic vineyards surrounding the town of Mauves. It is Pierre Coursodon's son, Jérôme, who now runs this famous estate.

The 2019 harvest started on 10th September for the whites and a week later for the reds. Yields were satisfactory despite the dry summer, a testament to the work that Jérôme has put into maintaining the vineyards and to the high average age of the vines. The recently bottled 2020 whites are even fresher with splendid, ripe fruit and excellent levels of acidity.

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
2020 Etincelle Roussanne-Viognier	£ 264.00	£ 193.00
<i>30% Roussanne and 70% Viognier, grown on west-facing slopes at high altitude above the town of Mauves. Fermented and aged 50% in French oak barriques and 50% in stainless steel vats. A rich and aromatic wine with fine freshness from the granite soil. Drink 2021-2023.</i>		
<b>2020 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Blanc</b>	£ 336.00	£ 253.00
<i>From south-east facing clay and granite slopes planted with Marsanne. Fermented and aged in stainless steel vats to preserve the maximum of fruit and vitality. Has a fine, silky texture, wonderful purity of fruit and a long, intense finish. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
<b>2019 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Blanc</b>	£ 432.00	£ 333.00
<i>Produced from two granite plots of low-yielding (30hl/ha), old Marsanne and Roussanne vines. Fermented and aged for nine months in 225 litre oak barrels, of which 20% are renewed each year from the Burgundy tonnelleries of Chassin and Damy. Rich and opulent with fabulous depth and concentration. Retains lovely freshness and vitality and finishes intense and long. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
Red		
<b>2019 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Rouge</b>	£ 312.00	£ 233.00
<i>From the domaine's steep, granitic vineyards in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Saint Jean de Muzols. The syrah is 100% destemmed in order to maximise the purity of fruit and then aged in both 225 litre and 600 litre oak barrels from tonnelleries Damy, Chassin and Taransaud. Beautifully pure and fresh on the nose with masses of red and black fruits. Carefully extracted tannins add structure and the finish is fresh and long. An extremely elegant wine that will age gracefully. Drink 2023-2030.</i>		
<b>2019 Saint Joseph 'L'Olivaie'</b>	£ 396.00	£ 303.00
<i>Produced from a single plot of 60 year-old vines in the village of Saint Jean de Muzols, immediately to the north of Tournon. 100% destemmed and aged in 15% new oak barrels and demi-muids. Has wonderfully vivid, blackcurrant fruit with a touch of spicy oak. Rich and generous with magnificent structure. Great length on the finish. Drink 2024-2032.</i>		
<b>2019 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Rouge</b>	£ 564.00	£ 443.00
<i>From 80 year old vines grown in the steep, terraced lieux-dits of 'Le Paradis' and 'Saint Joseph' in the village of Mauves just a few hundred metres from the Coursodon cellar. The wine is fermented with 50% whole bunches and aged principally in one and two year old casks. Fabulous depth and concentration. Wonderful cassis and coffee aromas. Rich and succulent on the palate despite the firm, tannic structure. Impressive, long aftertaste. Drink 2025-2034.</i>		

## NORTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE STÉPHANE OGIER

Stéphane Ogier is one of the most progressive winemakers in Côte Rôtie. His impressive new winery is situated on the southern edge of the town of Ampuis and features 24 new tanks of varying sizes dedicated solely to his range of Côte Rôtie parcels, allowing him to vinify each plot separately. The character of each parcel determines the level of destemming, which ranges from 0-100%.

Stéphane continues to source one year-old Burgundy barrels from Domaine du Comte Liger-Belair, as well as buying new oak casks from the *tonnelleries* of Taransaud and Saury.

Stéphane's 2019s are another great success with the reds showing the same depth and concentration that Stéphane achieved with his magnificent 2017s.



Stéphane Ogier

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
White		
<b>2019 Condrieu 'La Combe de Malleval'</b>	£ 516.00	£ 403.00
<i>From two tiny parcels of old vines at an altitude of 300 metres in the lieux-dits of La Combe and Vau Vignère. Aged in both foudres and demi-muids, this is rich and aromatic with magnificent, peachy, honeyed fruit, a ripe, generous texture and a long, fresh finish. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
Red		
<b>2019 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Temps est Venu'</b>	£ 150.00	£ 98.00
<i>60% Grenache fermented as whole bunches from Plan de Dieu is blended with 40% Syrah, partly destemmed, from Visan. The wine is then aged for 9 months in cement vats. Truly fine Côtes du Rhône with beautiful, dark fruits and spice on the nose, a warm, succulent texture and carefully extracted tannins to add structure. Drink 2021-2025.</i>		
<b>2019 Syrah 'La Rosine'</b>	£ 240.00	£ 173.00
<i>One of the best value wines of the northern Rhône. Stéphane's father, Michel, planted Syrah on the granite slopes of the Rosine hillside just 500 metres south of Côte Rôtie in the 1980s. Those vines are now 30 years old and giving magnificent wine. 15% of the bunches are fermented whole, followed by 12 months ageing in oak barrels. Beautifully aromatic with delicious, juicy fruit, lovely freshness and an impressive aftertaste. Better than many producers' Côte Rôtie. Drink 2023-2030.</i>		
<b>2019 Saint Joseph 'Le Passage'</b>	£ 300.00	£ 223.00
<i>From seven plots of vines spread over 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. A complete wine with beautiful, pure Syrah fruit, an impressive, close-knit texture and a long finish. Drink 2024-2031.</i>		
<b>2019 Côte Rôtie 'Mon Village'</b>	£ 600.00	£ 473.00
<i>From a number of plots in different sectors of the appellation, chosen by Stéphane for their freshness and purity of fruit. Mostly destemmed, this is quintessential Côte Rôtie with lovely, pure, glossy fruit, silky tannins and splendid freshness. Drink 2026-2035.</i>		

## NORTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE DES AMPHORES

A beautiful estate overlooking the Rhône just above the town of Chavanay, in the northern part of the Saint Joseph appellation, adjoining Condrieu and Côte Rôtie.

Philippe & Véronique Grenier set up the domaine in 1994 and now have ten hectares of organically farmed vines.

Vinification is traditional with harvesting by hand and fermentation by indigenous yeasts. Gentle juice extraction, often by basket press, is followed by ageing for twelve months in oak barrels and *foudres*.

2019 completes a trio of fine vintages for the domaine, the 2018 having been selected as one of Decanter magazine's Wines of the Year.



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Red

#### **2019 Saint Joseph 'Les 7 Lieux'**

£ 216.00    £ 153.00

*Named after the seven plots of south-east, south and south-west facing vines which grow on the distinctive granitic soil of the northern Rhône. Fermented with 30% whole bunches and aged for 12 months in 600 and 1200 litre oak casks. Fresh, herbal and spicy on the nose with masses of red and black cherry fruit on the palate. Ripe and generous with plenty of vitality. Will be delicious to drink young but will also age gracefully. Drink 2022-2028.*



## SOUTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE LAFOND ROC-EPINE

Pascal Lafond has been joined on the family estate by his two sons, Jean-Baptiste and François.

All 85 hectares are farmed organically, avoiding the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides and the harvest is done by hand. The bunches are then destemmed and the juice fermented in stainless steel vats, before being aged in a mixture of small oak barrels and larger *foudres*.

Yields were low in 2019 as a result of the hot, dry summer but all the fruit was ripe and healthy. The wines are rich and concentrated whilst retaining excellent freshness and vitality.



Pascal & Jean-Baptiste Lafond

	£ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT	£ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND
<b>White</b>		
2020 Lirac Blanc	£ 168.00	£ 113.00
<i>50% Grenache blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier. Just 10% of the crop spends a few months in oak barrels, the rest is fermented and aged in stainless steel to preserve the maximum of aroma and freshness. My favourite southern Rhône white that has lovely Roussanne and Viognier aromas, a delicious, succulent texture from the Grenache blanc and finishes fresh and clean. Drink 2021-2022.</i>		
<b>Rosé</b>		
2020 Tavel	£ 168.00	£ 113.00
<i>60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault. Full-flavoured, serious rosé with lovely fruit and excellent freshness. Delicious on its own but with the body and depth of flavour to partner robust food. Drink 2021-2022.</i>		
<b>Red</b>		
2019 Côtes du Rhône	£ 138.00	£ 88.00
<i>65% Grenache, 35% Syrah. A forward, generous red with bright flavours and plenty of ripe plum fruit. Delicious already but will age gracefully in the medium term. Drink 2021-2024.</i>		
2019 Lirac Rouge	£ 168.00	£ 113.00
<i>60% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre. One of the great undervalued appellations of the Rhône. The soil and climate is very similar to that of Châteauneuf just across the river and the wines have the same sunny disposition. 30% of the crop is aged in small French oak barrels from Seguin-Moreau. A serious high quality wine with beautiful, red and black cherry fruit, a touch of spicy oak and a long finish. Drink 2022-2026.</i>		
<b>2019 Lirac 'La Ferme Romaine'</b>	£ 228.00	£ 163.00
<i>50% Grenache, 25% Syrah, 25% Mourvèdre. From a single parcel of old grenache planted on galets roulés plus a selection of the best syrah and mourvèdre of the estate. The syrah and mourvèdre are aged for twelve months in oak barrels of which a third are new, whilst the grenache remains in stainless steel vats to preserve the maximum of fruit. A rich, complete wine with sumptuous fruit, carefully extracted tannins and an impressive, sweet aftertaste. Châteauneuf quality at a Lirac price. Drink 2023-2027.</i>		
2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape	£ 360.00	£ 273.00
<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 stainless steel vats. Dense and concentrated, this has impressive structure and will age magnificently. Drink 2024-2030.</i>		



## SOUTHERN RHÔNE

### DOMAINE LA BOUÏSSIÈRE

Brothers Thierry and Gilles Faravel have co-managed Domaine La Bouïssière since 1990. Their vines cover nine hectares at the feet of the famous Dentelles de Montmirail *arête*, making them some of the highest in Gigondas. The elegance and freshness of their wines is a direct result of this high elevation and makes them stand out examples of this famous appellation.

After hand-harvesting, the bunches are then partially destemmed and gently crushed, before fermentation in concrete or stainless steel vats using indigenous yeasts. Ageing takes place in a range of small oak barrels, 600 litre *demi-muids*, larger oak *foudres* and two, recently introduced 17 hl egg-shaped, cement vats.



Thierry Faravel

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#### Red

2019 Les Amis de la Bouïssière	£ 150.00	£ 98.00
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40% Syrah, 36% Merlot, 24% Grenache. A blend of grapes from the Gigondas appellation and lower-lying vineyards near the river Ouvèze. Syrah and Merlot give aroma and freshness whilst the Grenache adds structure and body. Lovely fruit and vitality. Drink 2021-2025.

2019 Gigondas	£ 252.00	£ 183.00
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77% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 3% Mourvèdre. The Faravels own 9 hectares of old (55 years average) vines in Gigondas, the vast majority of which lie high (350 metres altitude) in the Dentelles de Montmirail. 30% of the bunches were destemmed and the wine is aged 65% in oak *foudres* and 35% in small, egg-shaped, cement vats. Wonderfully rich, juicy wine with fine purity of fruit, carefully extracted tannins and a warm yet fresh finish. Drink 2023-2028.

<b>2019 Gigondas 'Font de Tonin'</b>	£ 396.00	£ 303.00
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70% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre. A magnificent wine produced from old vine grenache planted in 1956 & 1963 on two terraces high up in the Dentelles, plus mourvèdre planted in 1920 lower down in the valley. 30% of the bunches were destemmed and the wine aged in 225 litre *barrisques* of which 20% were new from *tonnellerie Rousseau*. Impressive grip and concentration with magnificent spicy fruit. Builds in the mouth to a fabulous, long aftertaste. Drink 2024-2030.



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 2021. 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.

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