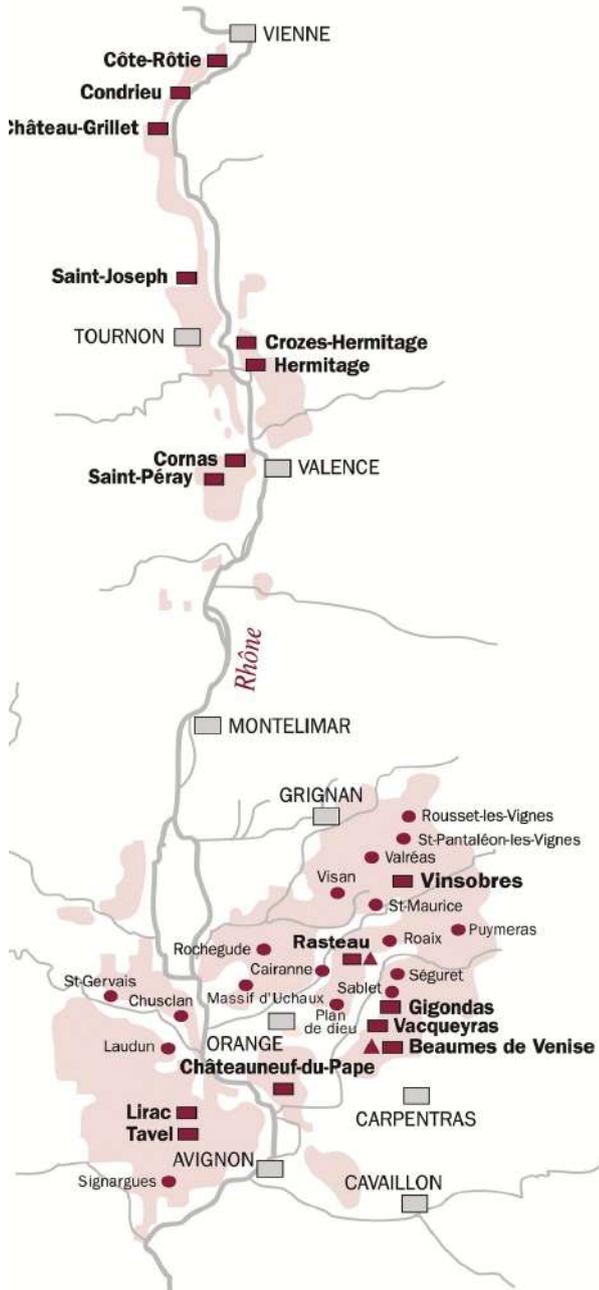


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Rhône

2020 RHÔNE



2020 continues a run of splendid vintages in the Rhône valley that stretches back to 2015. After a wet winter that replenished water reserves in the soil, a second successive, warm, dry summer gave a good-sized crop of ripe, healthy grapes packed with intense flavours. Average temperatures overall were a little lower than in 2019 with cooler nights in particular and without the periods of extreme heat that had occurred the previous year. The harvest, which started at the end of August for the whites and from the second week of September for the reds, took place in ideal conditions and the fruit was a joy to vinify.

The vintage is equally successful in both the northern and southern Rhône with deep colours, ripe flavours and excellent structures. Alcohol levels are generally lower than in 2019 and acidities higher giving additional freshness and vitality. Overall the 2020s are lovely, harmonious wines with succulent textures, silky tannins and long aftertastes. They will be more enjoyable young than the 2019s but age equally well.

With a smaller, more difficult vintage in 2021, prices in the region are on an upward path and it would be prudent to buy this splendid vintage sooner rather than later.

Charles Taylor

Charles Taylor M.W.

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 extends over 20 hectares, including 1.15 hectares on the hill of Hermitage itself, and is certified organic in its entirety.

Vinification is meticulous. The fruit is 100% destemmed and then fermented and 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.

After a hot, generally dry summer but with sufficient rain from time to time, the 2020 red harvest ran from 6th to 12th September in perfect conditions. Alcohol levels were on average 1% lower than in 2019 and the wines are fresher and more elegant as a result. These are superb, rich, characterful wines that Yann considers to be amongst the very best that he has made during his 25 years at the estate.



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White

2020 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc

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| £ 288.00 | £ 213.00 |
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70% Marsanne and 30% Roussanne harvested on two days (31st August and 1st September) and vinified exclusively in stainless steel vats to preserve the maximum of fruit. Fresh, ripe and floral with lovely, peachy fruit, a soft, generous texture and excellent length on the finish. Drink 2022-2023.

Red

2020 Crozes-Hermitage Rouge

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| £ 252.00 | £ 183.00 |
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A characterful, complex blend of fruit from vineyards in both the northern and southern sectors of the appellation. The average age of the vines is now over 25 years and this is a rich, generous example of creamy, ripe syrah. Carefully extracted tannins give fine structure. A lovely, complete Crozes that is already delicious to drink but will age gracefully. Drink 2023-2030.

2020 Crozes-Hermitage 'Le Rouvre'

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| £ 336.00 | £ 253.00 |
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From the domaine's finest plot of 60 year old vines in the Chassis sector in the south of the appellation towards the River Isère. This dense, concentrated wine is aged for 12 months in 1, 2 and 3 year old 650 litre oak barrels from tonnelleries Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau. Wonderfully aromatic with notes of blackberry and spice. As good as many producer's Hermitage and wonderful value. Drink 2025-2034.

2020 Hermitage

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| £ 996.00 | £ 803.00 |
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Yann owns 1.15 hectares on the hill of Hermitage in two lieux-dits (Beaume and Peleat), both in the central part of the appellation. Aged in 100% new, 650 litre demi-muids principally from Taransaud as Yann feels their barrels are best suited to rich, concentrated vintages. Impressive depth and structure with fine, gamey fruit, a dense, close-knit texture and an amazingly long aftertaste. Drink 2027-2036.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE MICHELAS ST JEMMS

This substantial, 50 hectare domaine was created by Robert and Yvette Michelas in 1961 and is now managed by their four children; Sylvie, Florence, Corine and Sébastien.

The vast majority of the vines are in the Crozes-Hermitage appellation with parcels in the villages of Larnage, Mercurol, Beaumont-Monteux and Pont de L'Isère. There are a wide 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, Sébastien, Corine et Florence

Red

2020 Crozes-Hermitage 'Fleur de Syrahne'

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| £ 204.00 | £ 143.00 |
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A soft, forward, vividly fruity Crozes that is vinified to be enjoyed young. 100% destemmed. 8-10 days of maceration gives plenty of flavour with only a little tannin. Aged in stainless steel vats to preserve the maximum of fruit. Drink 2022-2026.

2020 Crozes-Hermitage 'Signature'

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| £ 216.00 | £ 153.00 |
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100% Syrah from a range of sites throughout the appellation. 30% of the bunches are fermented whole and then given a longer maceration of 15 days. Aged in a mixture of stainless steel vats and oak barrels. Masses of ripe, brambly fruit on both nose and palate. A lovely, generous wine of style and character with sufficient structure to age well. Drink 2023-2028.

2020 Crozes-Hermitage 'La Chasselière'

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| £ 252.00 | £ 183.00 |
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From the oldest vines of the estate's finest parcels in Larnage on the clay and stony soils adjacent to the hill of Hermitage. 50% whole bunches, macerated for up to 20 days and aged for 12 months in 400 litre oak demi-muids from barrel-makers Baron, Taransaud and Seguin-Moreau. Rich and concentrated with lovely, dark fruits and a hint of spice. A splendid, sumptuous wine with firm but ripe tannins, a succulent texture and long aftertaste. Drink 2024-2030.

2020 Saint-Joseph 'Sainte Epine'

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| £ 276.00 | £ 203.00 |
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A high altitude vineyard on the opposite bank of the Rhône where the granite soils give a wine with extra tannin and acidity. The lovely, sweet, syrah fruit has fine purity and freshness. Impressive structure and great persistence on the finish guarantee a great future. Drink 2025-2032.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE STÉPHANE OGIER

Stéphane Ogier is one of the most progressive winemakers in Côte Rôtie. His impressive new winery at the southern end of the town of Ampuis houses 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%.

The 2020 harvest began with the viognier on 27th August and finished with the last parcels of syrah on 25th September. Both reds and whites are rich yet fresh with lower alcohol and higher acidity levels than in 2019. They will age magnificently.



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White

2020 Condrieu 'La Combe de Malleval'

£ 540.00 £ 423.00

From two tiny parcels of old vines, planted in the 1980s at an altitude of 300 metres in the lieux-dits of La Combe and Vau Vignère. Aged in oak demi-muids, this is a rich, sumptuous wine with wonderful, peach and apricot fruit, a succulent texture and a long, fresh finish. Drink 2022-2025.

Red

2020 Côtes du Rhône 'Le Temps est Venu'

£ 156.00 £ 103.00

60% Grenache fermented as whole bunches from Plan de Dieu is blended with 40% Syrah, partly destemmed, from Visan. A gorgeous, southern Côtes du Rhône with plummy fruit and herbs and spices on the nose. Well-structured with ripe tannins and good acidity, this is delicious now but will age gracefully. Drink 2022-2026.

2020 Syrah 'La Rosine'

To be released summer 2022

One of the best value wines of the northern Rhône, often found on the tables of the local Michelin-starred restaurants as an affordable alternative to Côte Rôtie. Stéphane's father, Michel, planted these vines 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. Terrific, brambly, syrah aromas with fine purity of fruit on the palate and a long, fresh, lively finish. Drink 2024-2030.

2020 Saint Joseph 'Le Passage'

To be released summer 2022

From seven plots of vines spread over three communes of the northern Saint Joseph appellation: 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, complex wine with fine depth and concentration, a close-knit texture, full-bodied structure and a persistent aftertaste. Drink 2025-2032.

2020 Syrah de Seyssuel 'L'Ame Soeur'

To be released summer 2022

From three hectares that Stéphane has planted on the opposite bank of the Rhône from Côte Rôtie where vines were plentiful in Roman times. Similar structure with amazing depth and vitality. A wine that is destined to become better-known as one of the greats of the northern Rhône. Drink 2026-2033.

2020 Côte Rôtie 'Mon Village'

To be released summer 2022

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 exquisite Côte Rôtie with pure, fresh syrah aromas, a touch of spicy oak, carefully extracted, silky tannins and an impressive, long, sweet finish. Drink 2026-2034.

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.

Jérôme picked early in 2020, at the end of August for the whites, and from 1st to 9th September for the reds. In contrast, the 2021 whites, after a cooler summer, were harvested three weeks later during the third week of September, and are fresher, crisper wines with lower alcohol and higher levels of acidity.



Jérôme Coursodon

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| White | | |
| <u>2021</u> 'Etincelle' Roussanne-Viognier | £ 264.00 | £ 193.00 |
| <i>40% Roussanne and 60% Viognier, grown on west-facing slopes at high altitude above the town of Mauves. Fermented and aged for six months in a mixture of French oak barriques and stainless steel vats. A lovely, crisp, fresh, aromatic wine with fine purity of fruit and a delicious, saline finish. Drink 2022-2024.</i> | | |
| <u>2021</u> Saint Joseph 'Silice' Blanc | £ 336.00 | £ 253.00 |
| <i>From old Marsanne vines planted on south-east facing clay and granite soils. Fermented and aged exclusively in stainless steel vats to capture the maximum of fruit and vitality. Fresh and fruity with a touch of honeysuckle on the nose, a soft, silky texture and a long aftertaste. Drink 2022-2025.</i> | | |
| <u>2020</u> Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Blanc | £ 528.00 | £ 413.00 |
| <i>Produced from two granite plots of old, low-yielding (30hl/ha) Marsanne and Roussanne vines. Fermented and aged for 12 months in 228 litre oak barrels, of which 20% are renewed each year, from the Burgundian tonnelleries of Chassin and Damy. Rich and opulent with fabulous depth and concentration. Retains lovely freshness and vitality and finishes intense and long. Drink 2022-2026.</i> | | |

NORTHERN RHÔNE

| Red | £ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT | £ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND |
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| 2020 Saint Joseph 'Silice' Rouge | £ 336.00 | £ 253.00 |

From the domaine's steep, granitic vineyards in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Saint Jean de Muzols. The syrah is 80% destemmed in order to maximise the purity of fruit and then macerated and fermented in open vats for up to three weeks. The wine is aged in both 225 litre and 600 litre oak barrels from tonnelleries Damy, Chassin and Taransaud for 12 months. This has wonderful, cherry and plum fruit on the nose and a magnificent, generous texture. Drink 2024-2030.

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| 2020 Saint Joseph 'L'Olive' Rouge | £ 456.00 | £ 353.00 |
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Produced from a single plot of 60 year-old vines in the village of Saint Jean de Muzols. South-facing but a relatively cool site as fresh air flows down from the Doux valley. 80% destemmed and aged half in 228 litre barrels and half in larger demi-muids of which 20% were new. Rich and spicy with masses of brambly fruit. Full and firm with lovely, sweet tannins and a long finish. Drink 2025-2032.

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| 2020 Saint Joseph 'La Sensonne' Rouge | £ 576.00 | £ 453.00 |
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A selection from the oldest vines and finest sites of the domaine and aged for 12 months in 100% new oak barrels from Chassin and Taransaud. Dense and concentrated with impressive structure, a close-knit texture and a long, intense aftertaste. Drink 2026-2034.

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| 2020 Saint Joseph 'Le Paradis Saint Pierre' Rouge | £ 588.00 | £ 463.00 |
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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 for 15 months. Fantastic aromatic quality with complex mixture of dark fruits, herb and spices. Sweet and succulent with carefully extracted tannins and excellent acidity. Rich and harmonious and will age gracefully. Drink 2026-2034.



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.

They have just started construction on a new cellar and tasting room providing them with much-needed additional space.

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*.

The 2020 harvest began on 10th September in ideal conditions and continues the exceptional quality achieved by this estate since 2015.



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Red

2020 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 and aromatic on the nose with lovely, red cherry and blackberry fruit. Ripe and balanced with good structure and a persistent finish. Forward and open, already harmonious but will age gracefully. Drink 2023-2030.



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 where 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.

After a glorious, warm and sunny summer, the first white grapes were picked on 28th August with the syrah following in the first half of September. This is a brilliant range of rich, aromatic whites and sumptuous, structured reds which confirm Stéphane as one of the northern Rhône's finest wine-makers.



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| White | | | |
| 2020 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Roussanne' | Only available in magnums (6x150cl) | £ 372.00 | £ 283.00 |

Stéphane is one of the few Saint Péray producers to have major plantings of the more capricious but high quality Roussanne grape variety. Most is planted high on the hillside where the climate is cooler and the grapes retain excellent freshness and acidity. The juice is fermented using only natural yeasts in both 1000 litre oak vats and smaller 225 litre barrels. Beautifully aromatic with lovely, peachy fruit on both the nose and palate. Rich and succulent with fine bite and minerality, this finishes crisp and clean. Drink 2022-2025.

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| 2020 Saint Péray 'Cuvée Prestige' | | £ 396.00 | £ 303.00 |
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A blend of 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne from the lower slopes towards the village of Cornas. Vinified and aged for 8 months in 4 year-old oak barrels. This has impressive depth and concentration whilst retaining fine freshness and vitality. Impressive, long aftertaste. Will age spectacularly. Drink 2022-2026.

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| 2020 Saint Péray 'Pur Blanc' | | £ 636.00 | £ 503.00 |
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100% Marsanne from a single plot of 100 year-old vines in the centre of the town of Saint Péray. Surrounded by housing, the sheltered position gives tremendous power and richness to the wine coupled to an intense, saline finish. Drink 2023-2027.

NORTHERN RHÔNE

| Red | £ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT | £ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND |
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| 2020 Saint Joseph | £ 408.00 | £ 313.00 |

Stéphane's Saint Joseph comes from 2 hectares of vines in the villages of Mauves, Tournon and Glun. The bunches are 80% destemmed and fermented in stainless steel vats at a relatively cool temperature, and then aged in 3 to 5 year-old barrels for 12 months. Gloriously aromatic, hedonistic wine with masses of bramble and blackcurrant fruit and a touch of spice. Rich and succulent on the palate with carefully extracted tannins to give structure and longevity. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2025-2032.

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| 2020 Cornas | £ 540.00 | £ 423.00 |
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Produced from 18 parcels of vines in different sectors of the appellation and vinified with 20% of the stems retained. This has all the density and structure for which Cornas is famous but with added richness and generosity. Wonderful mixture of red and black fruits, firm but ripe tannins and a long aftertaste. Drink 2026-2035.

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| 2020 Cornas 'Vin Noir' | £ 648.00 | £ 513.00 |
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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 retained and the wine aged for 12 months in two and three year old barriques. Magnificent depth and concentration with dark, brooding fruit, tremendous structure and a tight, close-knit texture. Still backward but has terrific ageing potential. Drink 2027-2036.



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 and giving wines with a freshness and elegance rarely found in the southern Rhône.

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.

The 2020 harvest ran from mid September in Vacqueyras to the middle of October for the highest Gigondas vineyards.



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| Red | | |
| 2020 Les Amis de la Bouïssière | £ 156.00 | £ 103.00 |
| <i>54% Merlot, 36% Syrah, 10% Grenache. From young Grenache vines within the Gigondas appellation together with Merlot and Syrah from lower-lying vineyards near the river Ouvèze. Vinified to be drunk young, this is rich and juicy and delicious already but has the fruit and balance to age well. Drink 2022-2026.</i> | | |
| 2020 Beaumes de Venise | £ 216.00 | £ 153.00 |
| <i>85% Grenache, 15% Syrah. Vinified with 70% whole bunches and aged 50% in oak barrels and 50% in stainless steel vats. Ripe and round with masses of spice and fruit. A rich, pleasing wine which reflects the warm, sunny site. Drink 2023-2027.</i> | | |
| 2020 Vacqueyras | £ 264.00 | £ 193.00 |
| <i>50% Grenache, 35% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre. From three parcels totaling 2.5 hectares on the Plateau des Garrigues in the north of the appellation. Fermented with 60% whole bunches and aged 40% in demi-muids, 40% in foudres and 20% in cement eggs. Rich and powerful with masses of sweet fruit. A big, burly wine with impressive depth and structure. Drink 2024-2028.</i> | | |
| 2020 Gigondas | £ 288.00 | £ 213.00 |
| <i>70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. 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. Only 25% of the bunches were destemmed and the wine was aged 65% in oak foudres and 35% in cement eggs. Rich and ripe with fine depth and concentration, carefully extracted tannins and a long finish. Drink 2025-2030.</i> | | |
| 2020 Gigondas 'Font de Tonin' | £ 408.00 | £ 313.00 |
| <i>100% Grenache. A magnificent wine produced from old vine grenache planted in 1956 & 1963 on two terraces high up in the Dentelles de Montmirail. 100% whole bunches with ageing in 225 litre barriques from tonnelleries Rousseau, Chassin and Taransaud. Rich and spicy with tremendous intensity of fruit and an impressive, close-knit texture. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2026-2032.</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, destemmed and fermented in both stainless steel and cement vats. The wine is then aged in a mixture of cement vats and large oak *foudres*.

The 2020 vintage took place throughout the second half of September, 10 days later than in 2019 and the cooler temperatures have resulted in lovely, balanced wines with fine fruit, freshness and lower alcohol levels.



Céline Chauvet

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Red

2020 Vacqueyras

£ 228.00 £ 163.00

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Céline ferments her Vacqueyras at a lower temperature and leaves the juice in contact with the skins for a maximum of 15 days in order to extract the maximum of fruit without too much tannin. This is a lovely, vividly fruity wine with good structure, a succulent texture and a long, sweet aftertaste. Drink 2023-2027.

2020 Gigondas

£ 252.00 £ 183.00

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Fermented at a higher temperature and macerated for 28 days to give a fuller-bodied, gutsier wine with greater structure and ageing potential. Aged for 18 months in large old oak *foudres*, this is rich and spicy with sweet, blackberry fruit, a dense, close-knit texture and excellent length on the finish. Drink 2025-2030.



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 of the estate that covers 32 hectares spread across 40 different parcels. The average age of the vines is a venerable 50 years.

In fine, ripe vintages such as 2020, Nicolas likes to vinify with a high proportion of whole bunches, allowing him to extend the fermentation resulting in finer balance and complexity. These are some of the finest and most characterful wines of Châteauneuf with masses of spicy fruit on both nose and palate, rich, generous textures and long, persistent finishes.



Nicolas Boiron

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Red

2020 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

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| £ 360.00 | £ 273.00 |
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75% Grenache, 12% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah & 3% Vaccarèse, Counoise & Cinsault. A lovely cuvée produced from parcels in different sectors of the appellation. 60% of the bunches are fermented whole with a lengthy maceration of up to four weeks in order to extract the maximum of flavour. Ageing is in a mixture of large, oak foudres and demi-muids for 15 months. Rich and concentrated with gamey, spicy fruit. Full-bodied with firm but ripe tannins and a splendid, long aftertaste. Drink 2025-2030.

2020 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Chante Le Merle Vieilles Vignes'

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| £ 528.00 | £ 413.00 |
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85% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre, 5% Syrah. Produced from the oldest (80-90 years old) vines of the estate, on a variety of soils including the famous galets roulés. All the bunches are fermented whole and the wine aged in foudres and demi-muids for 18 months. Wonderfully aromatic with lovely freshness and vitality as well as a dense, close-knit texture and impressive, long finish. Drink 2026-2032.

2020 Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Les 7 de Pignan'

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| £ 636.00 | £ 503.00 |
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100% Grenache. Magnificent old (80+ years) vine grenache from a single parcel of sandy-clay soil. 100% whole bunch fermentation in cement vats followed by 18 months ageing in large oak foudres. Magnificent, warm, generous wine; one of the most satisfying examples of the appellation. Drink 2026-2032.

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

DOMAINE LAFOND ROC-EPINE

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

All 90 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, larger *foudres* and stainless steel vats.

The 2020 summer was another splendid growing season with just enough rain to avoid the vines suffering from drought. The harvest began at the end of August for the whites and the beginning of September for the reds. The wines are rich and concentrated with masses of ripe fruit, high quality tannins and good acidity to guarantee freshness.



Pascal & Jean-Baptiste Lafond

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| White | | |
| <u>2021 Lirac Blanc</u> | £ 168.00 | £ 113.00 |
| <i>50% Grenache blanc, 30% Roussanne, 20% Viognier. The viognier is fermented and aged for 4 months in oak barrels, the rest being vinified in stainless steel vats to preserve the maximum of aroma and freshness. The malolactic fermentation is blocked to retain the maximum of acidity and this is one of the best southern Rhône whites that has lovely, peachy fruit, a rich, succulent texture and a delightful salinity on the finish. Drink 2022-2023.</i> | | |
| Rosé | | |
| <u>2021 Tavel Rosé</u> | £ 168.00 | £ 113.00 |
| <i>60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, 20% Cinsault. Flavoursome rosé with masses of ripe fruit and sufficient flavour to partner rich and spicy dishes. Drink 2022-2023.</i> | | |
| Red | | |
| <u>2020 Côtes du Rhône</u> | £ 144.00 | £ 93.00 |
| <i>65% Grenache, 35% Syrah. A sumptuous, generous wine with plenty of plummy fruit and a hint of spice. Fresh and bright with carefully extracted tannins. Already drinking really well but with the depth and balance to age gracefully in the medium term. Drink 2022-2026.</i> | | |
| <u>2020 Lirac Rouge</u> | £ 180.00 | £ 123.00 |
| <i>70% Grenache, 30% Syrah. 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 rich, generous character. 30% of the crop is aged in small French oak barrels from Seguin-Moreau with the balance aged in stainless steel to retain the maximum of fruit. A lovely, harmonious wine with wonderful cherry and blackberry fruit and a touch of spicy oak. Finishes sweet and long. Drink 2023-2028.</i> | | |

SOUTHERN RHÔNE

| | £ per case (12x75cl) DUTY PAID Inc. VAT | £ per case (12x75cl) IN BOND |
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| 2020 Lirac 'La Ferme Romaine' | £ 240.00 | £ 173.00 |

65% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 5% 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 is vinified entirely in stainless steel vats. Rich and spicy with sumptuous fruit, a generous texture, firm but ripe tannins and a long, complex aftertaste. Drink 2024-2030.

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| 2020 Châteauneuf-du-Pape | £ 372.00 | £ 283.00 |
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80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% 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. Fermented with 20% whole bunches and aged one third in oak barrels and two thirds in cement vats. Magnificent depth and concentration with impressive structure and great ageing potential. Drink 2025-2032.



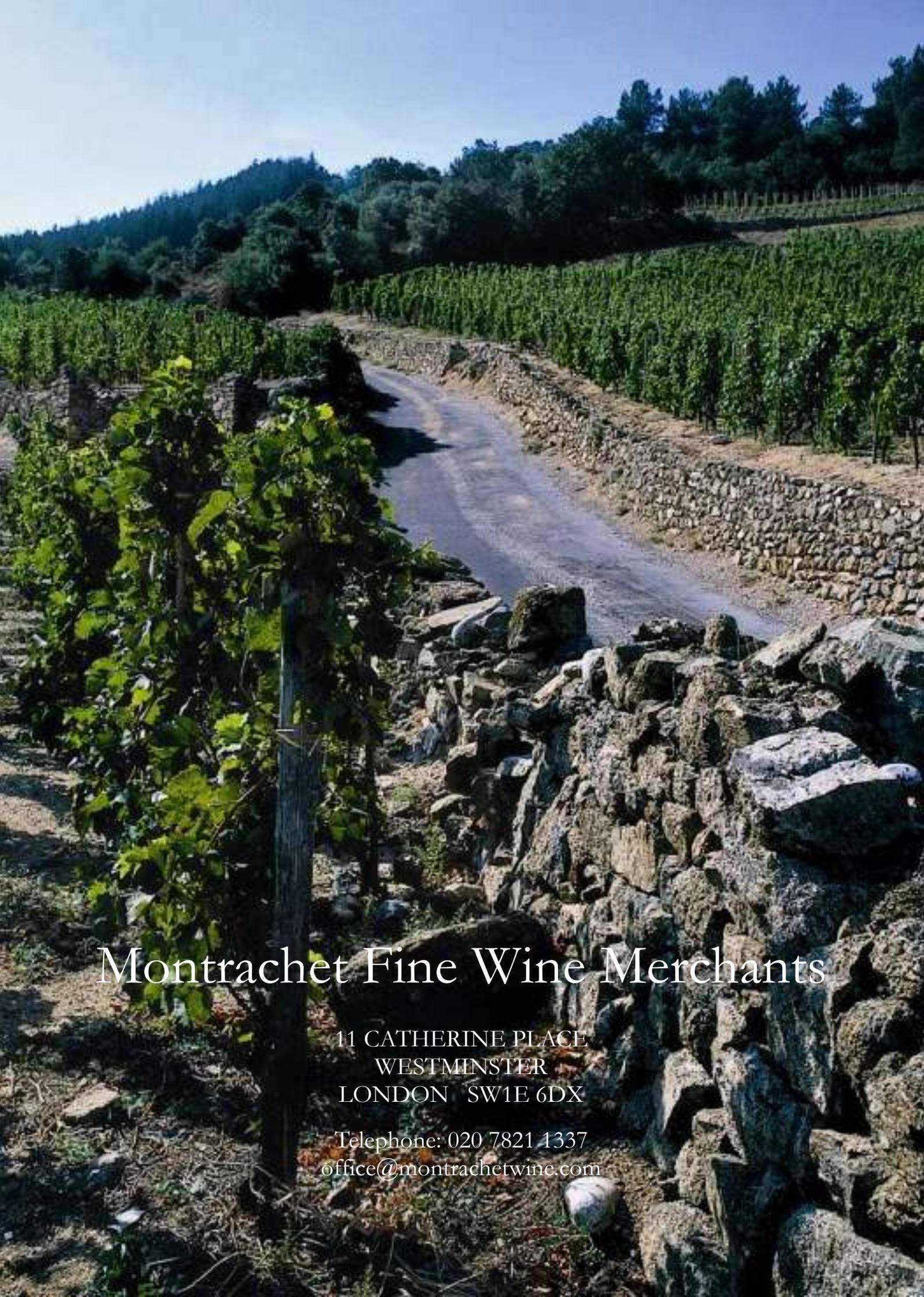
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Availability and deliveries - Some wines are available for immediate delivery, the remainder will be shipped to the UK between now and December 2022. Deliveries are free for orders of 36 bottles or more within mainland England and Wales. For smaller 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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