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2017 Rhône En Primeur
A small, brilliant vintage



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2017 is superb vintage in the Rhône, from north to south. We found wines of great balance and harmony, with intense ripeness and wonderfully vibrant freshness. There is more concentration and depth than 2016 and better harmony than 2015, both top vintages in their own right.

In the south quantities are severely reduced in 2017, by as much as 50%. A combination of coulure during flowering and a long dry summer left fewer berries that were small, with thick skins and concentrated juice. The coulure particularly affected the Grenache vines, which has resulted in higher proportions of Syrah, Mourvèdre and other varieties in the blends than normal. The resulting yields were tiny, but have produced wines of great beauty.

The northern Rhône fared much better with only Condrieu being badly affected by coulure and isolated hail storms hitting parts of Saint-Joseph. In general, following an early flowering, summer conditions were perfect, leading to an early harvest of healthy grapes in ideal conditions.

We heartily recommend this vintage for early drinking, bright, fruity styles and for splendid, concentrated wines for mid-long term cellaring.

These wines are offered £ per case (as indicated) in bond UK, for delivery during 2019.

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Domaine Sainte-Anne, Saint Gervais

The wines from Domaine Sainte-Anne can embarrass many a Châteauneuf-du-Pape at double the price, such is their quality. They are among the smartest buys in the region. Set up in the early '60s by Burgundian Guy Steinmaier, the Domaine is today run by his sons, Jean and Alain. We have consistently followed the estate, finding the wines to have astonishing richness and power. Both wines below are fermented and aged 100% in concrete vats giving utmost purity and freshness, and ultimately bringing superb harmony.



Côtes du Rhône Villages Notre Dame des Cellettes

12x75cl 105.00

Domaine Sainte-Anne 2017

This 2017, old vines cuvée is predominantly Grenache, with a balance of Syrah and Mourvèdre. Aromas are ripe and intense, blackcurrant compote with a scented lift of rose petals. This is a wine with super freshness combined with flesh and rich fruit. There is a good balance of grip and power to finish, with a sweet, long finish (for drinking 2019-2022+).



Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Gervais Les Rouvières

12x75cl 118.00

Domaine Sainte-Anne 2017

There is a vibrant, deep purple colour to this cuvée that has almost 50% Mourvèdre grapes in the blend. Attractive, powerful aromas of ripe black cherries lead on to a sensational mouthful. It is concentrated, with super depth of fruit and layers of texture. The tannins are rich and bring perfect harmony and freshness. A splendid wine (for drinking 2019 – 2025+).

Domaine Font Sarade, Vacqueyras

The Burle family of Font Sarade has well-established Vacqueyras roots, the domaine now being run by father and daughter team, Bernard and Claire. It was Bernard who initiated domaine bottling, when he took over from his father in 2002. His years of winemaking in this northern sector of Vacqueyras are complemented by Claire's more recent experiences in Adelaide. Having installed an immaculate new winery in 2015, they seek charm and fruit purity in their wines – a style that shines through this excellent 2017 vintage.



Vacqueyras Les Hauts de la Ponche

12x75cl 120.00

Domaine Font Sarade 2017

The domaine's flagship wine, from vines just behind the family home, located at the top of the clay-limestone "La Ponche" plateau. As in previous years, the 2017 is a blend of Grenache (50%), Syrah (25%) and Mourvèdre (25%). The grapes were fully destemmed before fermentation and maturation in concrete tanks, bringing superb purity to the wine. There are open aromas of violets and ripe black cherry, with very intense flavours and richness in the mouth. The wine has great freshness and a vibrant, racy style, with a ripe, long finish (for drinking 2019 – 2024+).

Domaine Les Florets, Gigondas

Domaine des Florets is a relatively recent success story in Gigondas, having been revived in 2007 with the arrival of new ownership and winemaker Jérôme Boudier. The domaine's location is stunning, lying in the tiny commune of Les Florets at the foot of the rocky Dentelles de Montmirail. Whereas most Gigondas is made from lower-lying, more sun-drenched vineyards, we are in the mountains here, the vines perching precariously above the winery on north-east facing, mountainside terraces, reaching up to 500 metres above sea level. This is truly altitude Gigondas.



Gigondas Les Florets

12x75cl 155.00

Domaine Les Florets 2017

We sold out of the hugely popular 2016 vintage in a matter of weeks, so we are delighted to have secured a greater volume in 2017. Predominantly Grenache with some Syrah and Mourvèdre to bring perfume and structure, the colour of this 2017 is a bright, medium purple. The nose is very attractive, combining piercing floral aromas and ripe red fruits. Freshness and finesse from these elevated, rocky slopes under-pin the natural richness on the palate. There is flesh, depth and silky tannins (for drinking 2019 – 2025+).

Domaine Font de Courtedune, Châteauneuf du Pape

Brother and sister, Frédéric and Caroline Charrier run this domaine, with Frédéric in the vines and Beaune-educated Caroline in the winery. Their vines lie on the Rayas / Courthézon side of Châteauneuf du Pape, extending into the neighbouring Côtes du Rhône appellation. Here, sandy soils give naturally fine, elegant, lighter-of-step wine styles, which Caroline harnesses with her gentle, traditional winemaking approach. There is no destemming or punching down during fermentation (“just a little pumping over of the juice”), the wines being both fermented and aged entirely in concrete vats. This is a rising star of the appellation.

Côtes du Rhône Vieilles Vignes

12x75cl 78.00

Domaine Font de Courtedune 2017

This excellent and great value wine comes from 60-100 year-old co-planted Grenache (predominantly) Cinsault and Syrah vines, which border the family's Châteauneuf vineyards. Bottled in June 2018, the colour is a brilliant ruby, with intense red cherry-spice aromas. Palate has depth and lovely texture, being very fine and elegant in style. This is an attractive, bright red (for drinking 2019-2021).

Châteauneuf du Pape

12x75cl 218.00

Domaine Font de Courtedune 2017

6x150cl 224.00

Vine age is an important contributory factor in the production of high quality Châteauneuf du Pape: a great number of the Charrier's Grenache vines are centenarians, these gnarled vines giving richly concentrated juice, contributing complexity and depth of flavour to their wine. A field blend from 5 plots, predominantly comprising Grenache (95%) with the other 12 grape varieties authorised for Châteauneuf production (most red, some white), this is a fine and silky Châteauneuf style. The colour is a bright purple-ruby, with aromas of bright red fruits, being wonderfully floral and intense. This is a wine of tremendous power that builds layer upon layer in the mouth. The texture is creamy, with lift and finesse. Elegant tannins and a long, sweet finish (for drinking 2019-2028+).

Domaine Laurent Habrard, Crozes-Hermitage

Laurent Habrard is “Un Vigneron Heureux” (a happy winemaker), it says so on the label, and we are equally happy to be importing his lovely wines to the UK. Here is a man who is 100% committed to his work in the vines of the northern Rhône. A large number of his Syrah vines are between 40 and 60 years old, all of which are cultivated organically.



Crozes-Hermitage

12x75cl 153.00

Domaine Laurent Habrard 2017

100% destemmed, with 80% of the blend having aged in small, old oak barrels, 20% in concrete tank, colour of this 2017 is deep ruby purple, with very fine, discreet aromas of fresh red berries and spring flowers. This is a bright, uplifting wine that has vibrant, crunchy fruit and a generous texture. The finish is very pure and gentle (for drinking 2019-2023+).

Domaine Courbis, Cornas

Located at the most southerly point of the appellation, where the rivers Rhône and Isère meet, Domaine Courbis has been in the family since the 16th century, with brothers Laurent and Dominique Courbis currently at the helm. They have opened our eyes to the beauty of Cornas and we encourage you not to miss out on the limited availability we have of the following.



Cornas Champelrose

6x75cl 118.00

Domaine Courbis 2017

From 3 hectares of Syrah vines located in the foothills, this is the most approachable and open of the three cuvées. Bright purple colour, aromas are attractive and perfumed, combining ripe red fruits and stony freshness. The palate is supple and rich, with breadth, purity and lift. Tannins are gentle and in perfect harmony (for drinking 2020-2027+).



Cornas Les Eygats

6x75cl 180.00

Domaine Courbis 2017

The vines of Les Eygats grow on a high, windy, east-facing plot, 300m above sea level, on granite terraces. The grapes naturally retain good acidity, giving a vibrant wine with great ageing potential. Deep purple-ruby colour, it has sensational, rich aromas of ripe berries, violets, graphite and dried rose petals, very fresh. Palate is fleshy, with good volume and luscious layers of fruit, all tightly held in a fine, tannic frame. This is a racy, long-flavoured, wonderful bottle for the future (for drinking 2021-2032+).



Cornas La Sabarotte

6x75cl 235.00

Domaine Courbis 2017

La Sabarotte is a more powerful wine, more 'Cornas' perhaps in style, from old, terraced vines planted in 1947. Aged 66% in new oak barrels, it has a splendid nose that is richly aromatic, with spiciness, ripe dark berries and dried herbs, very complex. This is a wine with a huge volume of mouth coating flesh and richness. The fruit is ripe and intense, with great depth and character. It is mineral, finely structured and has lovely freshness. As above, a wine for the cellar (for drinking 2022-2034+).

Domaine Marsanne, Saint-Joseph

Jean-Claude Marsanne lives and works in Mauves in the southern part of the Saint-Joseph appellation. He is a man of few words, a true vigneron. His vineyards are on slopes that are, in effect, a continuation of the hill of Hermitage, on the opposite bank of the Rhône. He is not a man to mess around with fancy cuvées, instead putting all his efforts into a single, brilliant, age-worthy Saint-Joseph. With most of the wine maturing in old oak demi-muids, the remainder in tank, Jean-Claude's focus is on allowing the terroir and vintage character to shine. A firm favourite of ours, his bottles can be found in all the HH&C team's cellars.



Saint-Joseph

12x75cl 195.00

Domaine Marsanne 2017

6x150cl 208.00

Tasted in late February this year, 2 weeks after bottling, the colour is a deep purple with a crimson edge. Aromas are rich and meaty, with smokiness, spiciness and a wonderful, floral freshness. This is a broad, energetic wine with a lovely frame. The fruit is rich and ripe, with supple, creamy textures and harmonious, fine tannins. Long-flavoured on the finish it has a good future ahead (for drinking 2020-2028+).

Domaine Vallet, Saint-Joseph

Anthony Vallet is an energetic, young wine-maker who exudes enthusiasm for his work in the vines of Saint-Joseph. He farms 11.5 hectares on the granite slopes surrounding the riverside town of Serrières, which lies at the middle-point of the Saint-Joseph appellation, to the south of Condrieu. Purity, vibrancy and charm are key features of his whites and reds.

Whites

Saint-Joseph Blanc Les Méribets

12x75cl 155.00

Domaine Vallet 2017

Last year we sold out of this super white all too quickly and the 2017 is equally excellent. 80% Roussanne with 20% Marsanne, it is half aged in barrel and half in tank (to retain purity and freshness). Colour is bright lemon-green with fine aromas of ripe citrus and white flowers. A dry, cleansing wine, it has a creamy, broad texture and intense, bright fruit. The finish is fresh, stony and vibrant (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Condrieu Roule-Midi

6x75cl 145.00

Domaine Vallet 2017

Harvested early, starting on 3rd September, to keep the crucial acidity balance on the right side of freshness. The colour is a brilliant lemon-green/gold. Aromatically it is beautifully fine, with delicate spiciness and tight, ripe lemony-apricot fruits. There is richness and racy intensity in the mouth, with a very pure, stony character and a creamy texture (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Reds



Saint-Joseph Rouge Les Méribets

12x75cl 145.00

Domaine Vallet 2017

6x150cl 155.00

Les Méribets comes from 8 separate parcels, from the hills surrounding the domaine. 80% of the blend is aged in barrel, while the other 20% remains in stainless steel tank, to keep a bright character in the wine.

Purple-ruby colour, the nose is wonderfully perfumed, recalling freshly picked red cherries and spring flowers. Medium bodied with incisive, lively fruit, ample flesh and good structure, this is a truly harmonious, perfectly judged wine (for drinking 2019-2024+).



Saint-Joseph Muletiers

12x75cl 175.00

Domaine Vallet 2017

Grown on pure granite soils, Muletiers comes from older vines and has great depth and density. Tasted from different barrels in February 2019, colours were deep, intense purple, the aromas being rich and deep, recalling ripe black cherries with complex smokiness. There is real volume in the mouth, with multi-layered, supple textures and a powerful frame. Complex and spicy, this is a wine built for bottle-age (for drinking 2021-2028+).

Pierre Gaillard, Saint-Joseph

Producing wines that are harmonious and give wonderful drinking pleasure is what Pierre Gaillard strives for at his family domaine. Established in 1981, Pierre started out with 3 hectares in Saint-Joseph's Clos de Cuminaille; he now makes wines from 70 hectares, spread across the northern Rhône. He is a true northern Rhône expert, understanding the minutiae and complexities of each parcel of vines he tends, and translating these details into the wines he makes. We were thrilled to offer his wines in the UK and wholeheartedly recommend our selections.



Saint-Joseph Clos de Cuminaille

12x75cl 175.00

Pierre Gaillard 2017

The wine for which Pierre is best known, from his original walled vineyard planted in 1981, the Clos de Cuminaille, this 2017 is a beauty. The nose is smoky, with ripe black cherries, richly concentrated. This is vibrant, racy Saint-Joseph, with purity and wonderfully a silky touch. It has depth, good structure and super length (for drinking 2020-2027+).



Côte Rôtie

6x75cl 168.00

Pierre Gaillard 2017

This is classic Côte Rôtie, from a blend of 90% Syrah and 10% Viognier from vineyards across the breadth of the Côte. These red and white grapes are co-planted, being picked and fermented together to give a deeply purple red wine that has intensely perfumed, almost peachy, spicy, fresh cherry aromas. The palate is intense, still young and tightly woven, with impressive depth and structure. Tannins are silky smooth and beautifully fresh (for drinking 2021-2030+).



Côte Rôtie Esprit de Blonde

6x75cl 250.00

Pierre Gaillard 2017

As above, this is a blend of 90% Syrah with 10% Viognier, but this time exclusively from the Côte Blonde. Aromas are very intense being wonderfully scented with rich fruit, violets, dried herbs and warm spices. This is an elegant wine, but with underlying mineral presence and great depth of fruit. There is volume, flesh and fine-boned structure, with lift and power to finish (for drinking 2024-2034+).



Côte Rôtie Rose Pourpre

6x75cl 325.00

Pierre Gaillard 2017

An altogether different style here from 100% Syrah grown on the iron-rich, south-facing, vertiginous, schist slopes of the Côte Rozier. This is a mighty, concentrated wine, of substantial proportion. Colour is impressive purple, with deep, complex aromas of smoky, ripe black cherry, grilled bacon and spices. The fruit is sweet and intense, with tremendous depth and potential. Mineral, fine, fleshy and richly structured, the tannins are beautifully balanced and the wine finishes with superb, ripe, long-lasting flavours. A truly great wine that will repay bottle-age (for drinking 2025-2038+).

Domaine Stéphane Ogier, Côte Rôtie

Stéphane Ogier has built a reputation as one of Côte Rôtie's most highly respected winemakers. From the domaine's new, state-of-the-art winery in Ampuis, he vinifies and ages each of parcel of vines separately. Precision and attention to detail are key elements to his success. Stéphane's wines have a delicacy and seductive quality, allied to concentration and fine structures. His wines have rightly become world renowned and highly praised by consumers and professionals alike. We recommend these bottles with great enthusiasm for spectacular drinking.

Whites

Viognier La Rosine, Collines Rhodaniennes

12x75cl 155.00

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2017

La Rosine is the last southern hill of Côte Rôtie, these vines lying outside the appellation. Here is an elegant, lively, peachy white wine that offers both pleasure and value in equal measures. Bright and incisive with lovely purity and ripe citrus fruits it has a lightness of touch and silky texture. This is a wine to be opened and enjoyed as soon as shipped (for drinking 2019-2021).



Condrieu La Combe de Malleval

6x75cl 165.00

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2017

From vines on the southern tip of Condrieu, Stéphane stresses the importance of retaining the acidity and freshness in the Viognier grapes, not allowing a hint of over-ripeness to sneak in. Colour is a bright, pale golden-green, with intense aromas of white peach, fresh apricot and spice. This is a pure, stony wine with a smooth, creamy texture and fine, concentrated flavours. It has a tight, zippy finish (for drinking 2019-2022+).

Reds



Syrah La Rosine

12x75cl 145.00

Collines Rhodaniennes, Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2017

This is as close as one can get to enjoying Côte Rôtie when actually drinking a Vin de Pays, the vines being just on the wrong side of the fence. Aged for 12 months in 1-5 year-old oak barrels, colour is deep purple-ruby, with attractive, floral aromas of ripe fruits and spice. Here is a juicy, ebullient mouthful with racy freshness and elegant structure. It has a sweet finish with smooth tannins. A very smart buy we believe (for drinking 2020-2023+).



L'Ame Soeur

6x75cl 148.00

Vin de Pays de Seyssuel, Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2017

This cluster of vineyards lies due north of Côte Rôtie, on the left bank of the Rhône, below the village of Seyssuel. Aspect and the schist soils are very similar to those of Côte Rôtie. Although little known now, the slopes were greatly prized as far back as Roman times. Now a small group of Rhône vigneron is reigniting interest and seems likely to win official appellation status soon.

L'Ame Soeur translates as Soulmate (or Soul Sister, if you prefer) and this 2017 is made from 98% Syrah with 2% Viognier (co-planted). It is a splendid wine, with deep, opaque purple colour and beautifully floral, complex aromas of black fruits, violets and a hint of fresh thyme. Palate is seductive, rich and velvety. This wine has great depth and concentration, with structure and lovely freshness (for drinking 2022-2030+).



Côte Rôtie “Village”

6x75cl 185.00

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2017

The Ogiers own 10 hectares of well appointed vines in Côte Rôtie, split into no fewer than 35 different parcels. These are picked, vinified and aged separately – before being blended 18 months after harvest. Tasting through the different barrels, in late February 2019, was part geography lesson, part taste sensation. The different elements are waiting to be brought together as a whole, but include an abundance of complex, floral, scented, rich and pure aromas. Textures run from silky smooth from one barrel to dense in the next. There is a theme of elegance and refined quality throughout, with an enchanting harmony, superb energy and fine structure. Tannins throughout were ripe and supple (for drinking 2023-2030+).

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