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2018 is a beautiful vintage across the Rhône Valley, the wines having intense aromatic complexity, with ripeness, power and freshness in perfect balance.

In the south, quantities are – once again – severely reduced: unprecedented amounts of rain in May and June, with the absence of the drying Mistral, caused mildew to spread, thus limiting potential volumes. Thankfully hot, dry weather followed and dominated the months running up to harvest, allowing each vineyard plot to be harvested at perfect maturity. But the crop was small, particularly for old vine Grenache, with some domaines being 80% down. Conversely, quality is high: we were struck by the vibrancy of these southern reds, which combine generous fruit with silky textures and fine structures.

The northern Rhône fared better during the spring, but it was the almost-too-perfect summer that was a potential concern, allowing grape sugar levels to climb. Picking at exactly the right moment, when the grapes still had enough balancing natural acidity, was key to the success of the wines here. The results are impressive, the wines having tightly concentrated fruit and velvety tannins (thanks to the ripeness of the grape skins), with lively acidity to finish.

We heartily recommend this vintage for both early drinking, fruity styles and for splendid, concentrated wines for mid to long-term cellaring. Our impression is that, in general, these 2018s will be approachable sooner than the equivalent wines in 2017.

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These wines are offered £ per case (as indicated) in bond UK, for delivery during 2020

## Domaine Sainte-Anne, Saint Gervais

Originally from Givry in Burgundy's Côte Chalonnaise, Guy Steinmaier moved to the tiny, hillside hamlet of Les Cellettes in the 1960s, where he put down the roots of Domaine Sainte-Anne. Today the domaine is run by his sons, Jean and Alain, who focus on Côtes du Rhône Villages reds from the surrounding vineyards. We have consistently followed the estate, finding the wines to have astonishing intensity, power and harmony. For us, they are among the smartest buys in the region – embarrassing many a Châteauneuf du Pape at double the price. The wines below are fermented and aged 100% in concrete vats, giving utmost purity and freshness.

### Côtes du Rhône Villages

12x75cl 78.50

#### *Domaine Sainte-Anne 2018*

We could not resist including Sainte-Anne's entry level wine in our offer this year. Tasting it at the domaine in February, its fresh, lively, juicy style was a refreshing start to the delicious line-up that followed. A blend of Grenache and Syrah, colour is mid ruby-purple, nose and palate being full of fragrant raspberry fruit. This is a Côtes du Rhône Villages with a spring in its step, which will give great enjoyment as soon as it is shipped (for drinking 2020-2022).



### Côtes du Rhône Villages Notre Dame des Cellettes

12x75cl 105.00

#### *Domaine Sainte-Anne 2018*

This cuvée was originally created to raise funds to renovate the chapel of Les Cellettes (hence its name). It is predominantly old-vine Grenache, with a balance of Syrah and Mourvèdre, from vineyards located around the hamlet. Aromas are ripe and intense: bramble fruit with a lifted scent of rose petals. This is a full-bodied wine where rich, chocolatey fruit combines with lovely freshness. Tannins are fine, the finish being long and fragrant (for drinking 2020-2023+).



## **Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Gervais Les Rouvières**

12x75cl 120.00

### *Domaine Sainte-Anne 2018*

Mourvedère always takes centre stage in this wine, this year comprising 70% of the final blend, the remainder being Grenache and Syrah. The vines are 40-60 years in age, which naturally give low yields of highly concentrated grapes. Colour is vibrant, deep purple, aromas being attractive and open, recalling ripe black cherries. These lead to a sensational, fleshy palate, with layers of black fruit flavours. The tannins are silky-smooth and bring perfect harmony and freshness. An elegant wine, with admirable finesse (for drinking 2020–2025+).

## Domaine Font Sarade, Vacqueyras

The Burle family of Font Sarade has well-established roots in Vacqueyras, 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, which sits alongside the original cellar (built in 1936: "the oldest in Vacqueyras"), fruit purity and charm are key to the style of their wines.

### Ventoux Les Terres Rouges

12x75cl 66.00

#### *Domaine Font Sarade 2018*

This delicious 2018 Ventoux is from an 8 hectare plot of 40-50 year old vines that the family owns in the village of Aubignan, just south of Beaumes de Venise. The blend is 50% Grenache with 40% Syrah and 10% Carignan, which were destemmed and matured in concrete tanks to preserve the vital, raspberry fruitiness of this wine. Mid ruby-purple colour, aromas are perfumed and pure. Palate is full and juicy mouth-filling, with concentrated middle and a fine, fresh finish. "We aim to make a wine here that is approachable, and really drinkable," says Bernard – job done!



### Vacqueyras Les Hauts de la Ponche

12x75cl 118.00

#### *Domaine Font Sarade 2018*

This wine is from vines located just behind the family home, located at the top of the clay-limestone "La Ponche" plateau, which forms part of the larger Plateau des Garrigues. As in previous years, the 2018 is a blend of Grenache (50%), Syrah (25%) and Mourvèdre (25%), the grapes having been fully destemmed before fermentation and maturation in concrete tanks. The result is a beautiful, deeply coloured wine, with pure, brambly, black cherry and rose petal aromas. Body is full and supple, with intense, chocolatey, black fruit flavours. The wine has good power and concentration but retains freshness, the finish being long, ripe and with a fine curl of tannins (for drinking 2021–2024+).

## 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 in the foothills 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. With summer temperatures rising, such locations are becoming highly sought-after, as here the grapes can ripen at a gentler pace, and it is easier to retain precious natural acidity.

### Or Cadre, Vin de France

12x75cl 63.00

#### *Domaine Les Florets 2018*

What a delight to discover the domaine's entry level "Out of the Frame", which is from 4 hectares of vineyard located just outside the Gigondas appellation. A blend of 70% Grenache with 30% Merlot, this is a totally thirst-quenching red. Vibrant plum and red cherry aromas lead to a medium bodied palate, which is round, open, silky. A joy, for drinking as soon as it arrives (summer 2020-2021+).



### Gigondas Les Florets

12x75cl 165.00

#### *Domaine Les Florets 2018*

As well as being a true expression Grenache-based Gigondas, this wine has a Pinot Noir quality to it, such is its vitality and lightness of step. This is thanks to the elevated, north-easterly exposition of the vineyards and winemaker Jérôme's delicate hand in the winery. Predominantly Grenache (80%) with some Syrah (15%) and Mourvèdre (5%) to bring perfume and structure, the colour of this 2018 is a bright, medium ruby. The nose is very attractive, combining piercing floral aromas and ripe red fruits. Freshness and lift underpin the natural richness on the palate. The wine has good flesh, depth and gorgeous satiny tannins. One of the best values of the vintage (for drinking 2020–2025+).

## Domaine Font de Courtedune, Courthézon

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, beach-like soils give naturally fine, elegant, bouncy wines, which Caroline harnesses with her gentle, traditional winemaking approach. There is no destemming (“we do not own a destemming machine”) or punching down during fermentation (“just a little pumping over of the juice”), the wines being 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 2018*

This wine comes from 60-100 year-old, co-planted Grenache (60%) Cinsault (30%) and Syrah (10%) vines, which border the family’s Châteauneuf vineyards. Colour is a brilliant ruby, with attractive strawberry aromas, with notes of earl grey and herbal spice (“thanks to the Cinsault and the stems”). Palate is full and flavoursome, with delicate texture and a finish that has bite and freshness. An attractive, elegant Côtes du Rhône, perfect to drink with caillette (a local speciality of succulent sausage-meat wrapped in spinach, served by Caroline’s mother when we visited – a flavour sensation) but equally delicious without it (for drinking 2020-2022+).

### **Châteauneuf du Pape**

12x75cl 218.00

#### *Domaine Font de Courtedune 2018*

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, 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 deep ruby, with aromas of red fruits, being wonderfully floral and intense. This is a wine with tremendous mid-palate power that builds layer upon layer in the mouth. The texture is beautifully fine, tannins being elegant and bringing freshness. The finish is long, ripe and full of finesse (for drinking 2020-2028+).



## Domaine Courbis, Châteaubourg

Located in the commune of Châteaubourg, where the rivers Rhône and Isère meet, this domaine has been in the family since the 16th century, with Courbis brothers Dominique (in the vines) and Laurent (in the winery) currently at the helm. It was their wines from Cornas that opened our eyes to the beauty of that appellation (we had enjoyed older bottles in local restaurants), and we started shipping these wines with the 2016 vintage. Tasting with Laurent this winter, we had a difficult time limiting our selection, such was the appeal of, and our delight with, the 2018 wines. Consequently, we are thrilled to include new listings here – both white and red – alongside the three, ever-beautiful Cornas.



### **Saint-Péray Le Tram**

12x75cl 140.00

#### *Domaine Courbis 2018*

The family's Saint-Péray vineyard is situated just above an ancient tramway path (now a quiet forest road), where steam trams linked Valance and Vernoux between 1910 and 1930. A new discovery for us, this delightful Saint-Péray is a blend of Marsanne (85%) and Roussanne (15%), of which 75% fermented and matured in stainless steel tanks, with 25% in French barriques (no new oak). The result is a beautifully clean, precise, lively white with pale gold colour and aromas that recall spiced pears. Palate is full yet linear, with lemony, stone fruit flavours and a mineral backbone bringing freshness and tension. The finish is bright and crisp (for drinking 2020-22+).



## **L'Aube, Collines Rhodaniennes**

12x75cl 140.00

### *Domaine Courbis 2018*

This wine comes from a single plot of young-vine (7 year-old) Syrah, neighbouring Saint-Joseph Les Royes (see below). The slope is steep and faces due east, capturing the sunshine at dawn ("l'aube"). Fully destemmed, the wine fermented and macerated in stainless steel before ageing in 5-6 year-old barrels for 8 months. Deep ruby-purple, aromas are taut and wonderfully pure: blackberries, black cherries and cocoa. Palate is full-bodied, open, scented and tightly-woven. Tannins are fine and ripe, the finish being complete, harmonious and long-flavoured (for drinking 2020-2023+).



## **Saint-Joseph Les Royes**

6x75cl 124.00

### *Domaine Courbis 2018*

Les Royes is 6 hectare, south-facing, limestone-clay amphitheatre of vines where Saint-Joseph meets Cornas. This plot gives a Saint-Joseph that has more structure and stuffing than often seen in the wines of this appellation. This 2018 matured for a year in French barrels, of which 20% were new. Colour is deep ruby-purple, aromas being attractive, spiced and floral. It is a supple, creamy mouthful, with rich concentration of fragrant black fruit, and tannins that frame this wine beautifully, bringing freshness to the finish (for drinking 2021-2025+).



## **Cornas Champelrose**

6x75cl 124.00

*Domaine Courbis 2018*

3x150cl 132.00

From 3 hectares of Syrah vines located in the foothills that lead up to La Sabarotte (see below), this is the most approachable and open of the three Cornas cuvées (“my version of Village Burgundy”, says Laurent). Opaque purple colour, aromas are gorgeously perfumed, combining ripe black cherries and mineral freshness. The palate is supple and finely layered, with focus, purity and lift. Tannins are gentle and in perfect harmony (for drinking 2021-2027+).



## **Cornas Les Eygats**

6x75cl 185.00

*Domaine Courbis 2018*

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. In 2018 it aged for 18 months in barrels, of which 50% were new and 50% had held 1 or 2 previous vintages. Deep ruby-purple, this has sensational, rich, fragrant aromas of ripe black berries and violets. Palate is fleshy, with good volume and luscious fruit, all tightly held in a fine, tannic frame. This is a racy, long-flavoured bottle for the future (for drinking 2023-2032+).



## **Cornas La Sabarotte**

6x75cl 244.00

*Domaine Courbis 2018*

La Sabarotte is a more powerful wine, more ‘Cornas’ perhaps in style, from old, terraced vines planted in 1947. Aged 70% in new oak barrels, it has a splendid nose that is richly aromatic, with spiciness, ripe black cherries and notes of fresh mint, 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 2023-2034+).

## Domaine Marsanne, Mauves

Jean-Claude Marsanne lives and works in Mauves in the southern part of the Saint-Joseph appellation. We have been shipping his brilliant, age-worthy Saint-Joseph since the 2010 vintage (a wine that is simply delicious today). His vineyards are on slopes that are, in effect, a continuation of the hill of Hermitage, on the opposite bank of the Rhône. 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 and magnums can be found in all the HH&C team's cellars.



### **Saint-Joseph**

*Domaine Marsanne 2018*

12x75cl 195.00

6x150cl 208.00

Tasted in late February this year, prior to bottling in March 2020, the colour is deep purple, aromas recalling cassis and violets, with underlying smokiness and meaty spice. This is a broad, energetic wine with a lovely frame. The fruit is rich, full and ripe, with supple textures and harmonious, fine tannins. Long-flavoured on the finish it has a good future ahead (for drinking 2021-2028+).

## Domaine du Colombier, Tain l'Hermitage

We are thrilled to offer the 2018 wines of Domaine du Colombier. The Viale family planted their first vines at the foot of the Hermitage hill in 1929; Florent Viale is the third-generation owner and winemaker, tending 16 hectares scattered across some of the best sites over the communes of Mercurol and Tain. Florent is keen to emphasise the natural freshness and purity of Syrah grown in this sector of the valley. His wines have precision and intensity - we recommend this trio of Crozes wholeheartedly.

### **Crozes-Hermitage Primavera**

12x75cl 118.00

#### *Domaine du Colombier 2018*

The grapes for Primavera come from the domaine's youngest vines, being 100% destemmed, fermented and held in stainless steel tank, and then bottled the spring after harvest. The result is a Croze-Hermitage that showcases pure, vibrant, youthful Syrah. Opaque purple in the glass, aromas are attractive and focused, recalling blackberries and black olives. Palate is full bodied, with lovely, ripe, black fruit flavours and a texture that is silky-smooth. This is a pretty, lively, springy wine, with good depth and a refreshing finish (for drinking as soon as shipped – 2022).



### **Crozes-Hermitage**

12x75cl 144.50

#### *Domaine du Colombier 2018*

The domaine's flagship cuvée, 20% of this 2018 matured in stainless steel tank, with 80% ageing for 12 months in 600 litre demi-muids, of which 20% were new. It was bottled in November 2019. Colour is deep ruby, aromas being expressive: floral red and black cherries with a touch of sweet spice. This is a full, juicy mouthful with generous, ripe, middle-palate fruit, precise structure and fine tannins. The finish is long and harmonious (for drinking winter 2020-2024+).

## **Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Gaby**

12x75cl 205.00

### *Domaine du Colombier 2018*

Named for Florent's father, Gaby, who ran the domaine from 1959-1991, this is from older vines, with 30% whole bunches being included for fermentation and maceration, the wine then ageing for 12 months in demi-muids. Deep ruby-purple, aromas are pure and complex, including dried rose petals, violets, black berries. The palate is full, intense and has power. Structure is fine, tannins being velvety and carrying the flavours to a long, complete, refreshing finish (for drinking 2022-2025+).

## Domaine Vallet, Serrières

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 wines.



### **Saint-Joseph Rouge Les Méribets**

*Domaine Vallet 2018*

12x75cl 145.00

6x150cl 160.00

Les Méribets comes from 8 separate parcels, from the hills surrounding the domaine. This 2018 aged in barrel for 10 months, with no new oak, allowing the wine to retain a bright, fruity character whilst developing velvety textures. Purple-ruby colour, the nose is wonderfully perfumed and complex: black cherry, mint, savoury black olive. Full bodied in the mouth, it has a satisfying, fleshy middle of lively fruit, good structure and a finish that is harmonious and lifted (for drinking 2020-2025+).



### **Saint-Joseph Muletiers**

*Domaine Vallet 2018*

12x75cl 175.00

Grown on pure granite soils, Muletiers comes from older, 50 year-old vines, and has great depth and density. It has been ageing in 600 litre demi-muids, for bottling in spring 2020. Tasting from barrel this winter, colour was intense purple, the aromas being rich and deep, recalling ripe black cherries, black pepper and complex smokiness. There is luscious volume in the mouth, with multi-layered, supple textures, a powerful, mineral frame and a finish that is refreshing and long-flavoured (for drinking 2022-2029+).

## Pierre Gaillard, Malleval

Producing wines that are harmonious and give wonderful drinking pleasure is what Pierre Gaillard and his daughter Jeanne strive for at their family domaine. Established in 1981, Pierre started out with 3 hectares in Saint-Joseph's Clos de Cuminaille, located in the high slopes of the commune of Malleval, at the northern edge of Saint-Joseph. 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. For the first time, we are thrilled to include his outstanding Condrieu in our En Primeur offer - we wholeheartedly recommend our selections.



### **Condrieu**

6x75cl 140.00

#### *Pierre Gaillard 2018*

100% Viognier from 3 parcels located in the communes of Malleval, Condrieu and Chavanay, this is a stunning wine in 2018, combining power, perfume and mouth-watering freshness. Pale gold colour, the nose is beautifully concentrated and pure, with notes of apricot, peach kernel and citrus spice – alluring and fragrant. Full, rich, creamy and layered in the mouth, this has depth and good structure as well as vivacity. A captivating, elegant wine (for drinking 2020-2022+).



### **Saint-Joseph Clos de Cuminaille**

12x75cl 185.00

#### *Pierre Gaillard 2018*

The wine for which Pierre is best known, from his original walled vineyard planted in 1981 - the Clos de Cuminaille - this 2018 is outstanding. The nose is pure, fine and focused, with ripe red and black cherries, richly concentrated. You can taste the high elevation of the Syrah in this wine: it is vibrant, racy, airy Saint-Joseph, with floral-fruit character, lively freshness and a wonderfully silky finish. Great value, “proper” wine, with depth, good structure and super length (try to resist drinking it all in its youth - for drinking 2020-2028+).





## **Côte Rôtie Esprit de Blonde**

6x75cl 285.00

*Pierre Gaillard 2018*

This is heart-racingly beautiful Côte Rôtie, being a blend of 85% Syrah and 15% Viognier from vineyards exclusively on the Côte Blonde. The red and white grapes are co-planted, being picked and fermented together and then aged for 18 months in new oak barrels to give a deeply purple wine that has intensely perfumed, complex, peach, rose, violet and black fruit aromas. This is an elegant, super-satiny wine, but with underlying mineral presence and great depth of fruit. There is volume, flesh and fine-boned structure, with energy, vitality and power to finish (for drinking 2024-2035+).



## **Côte Rôtie Rose Pourpre**

6x75cl 360.00

*Pierre Gaillard 2018*

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 blueberry, cassis and smoky bacon. The fruit is sweet and intense, with tremendous depth and tension. Mineral, fine, fleshy and intricately structured, the tannins are beautifully balanced and the wine finishes with superb, long-lasting flavours. A truly great wine that will repay bottle-age (for drinking 2025-2038+).

## Domaine Stéphane Ogier, Ampuis

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, 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, at every quality level.



### **Le Temps est Venu, Côtes du Rhône**

12x75cl 85.00

#### ***Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2018***

Although best known for his northern Rhône wines, 2010 was Stéphane's first vintage of this stylish Côtes du Rhône from vineyards in the Rhône's southern stretches. As the name of the wine suggests, the time had come for the domaine to take their adventure to the south. This wine comes from two parcels: one in Plan de Dieu, which gives bigger, richer styles; complementing this, freshness and structure is contributed by Syrah grapes grown at higher altitude in the Visan commune. This 2018 is 60% Grenache and 39% Syrah, with a seasoning of Mourvèdre and Cinsault. Bright, mid ruby colour, aromas are attractive and perfumed, recalling fresh raspberries, dried rose petals and sweetly spiced strawberries. This is a full-bodied, openly charming wine, with a rounded, lively palate, citrusy freshness and a silky-smooth texture. A buoyant, satisfying wine for youthful drinking (2020-2023).



## **Syrah La Rosine, Collines Rhodaniennes**

6x75cl 75.00

*Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2018*

This is as close as one can get to enjoying Côte Rôtie when actually drinking a wine from a less grand appellation, the vines being just on the other side of the border, on a granite slope that links Côte Rôtie and Condrieu. Aged for 12 months in 1-5 year-old oak barrels, colour is deep purple-ruby, with attractive, floral aromas of ripe cassis, black cherries and cocoa spice. Here is a juicy, ebullient mouthful with so much freshness and elegance, and a wonderful, velvety texture. It has a fine, long finish with smooth tannins. A seriously smart buy, at £12.50 per bottle in bond (for drinking 2020-2024+).



## **L'Âme Soeur, Vin de Pays de Seyssuel**

6x75cl 172.00

*Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2018*

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 mirror those of Côte Rôtie. Although little known now, the slopes were greatly prized as far back as Roman times. A number of Rhône vigneronns have reignited interest in this area, and it seems likely to win official appellation status soon. L'Âme Soeur translates as Soulmate, and this 2018 is made from 98% Syrah with 2% Viognier (coplanted). It is a splendid wine, with opaque purple colour and beautifully floral, complex aromas of bramble fruits, violets and a hint of fresh thyme. Palate is seductive, rich and has great depth and concentration. The texture of this wine is magical: super-fine and refreshingly mouth-coating. There is poise, good structure and great length (for drinking 2022-2031+).



## **Côte Rôtie Mon Village**

6x75cl 200.00

### *Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2018*

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 February 2020, was part geography lesson, part taste sensation. This is an enchanting wine, that brings together the complex patchwork that is Côte Rôtie. On the nose there is an abundance of floral, scented, black fruit, herbal, cocoa and licorice aromas. An enchanting wine on the palate, this is full, intricately woven and has great power and intensity, with elegance and refinement. Texture is silky-smooth, structure being fine, and the finish energetic and refreshing. This is truly great Côte Rôtie, which will reward patience (for drinking 2023-2031+).

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