



2022 VINTAGE RHÔNE EN PRIMEUR

2022 has given superb wines from our growers in the Rhône Valley. Despite being a growing season marked by heat and drought, the results do not show excesses, nor are they lacking in freshness or finesse. We enthusiastically recommend this vintage, from a region that continues to offer outstanding quality and value.

Vigilant vineyard work and late summer rainfall were essential to achieve fine balance in these wines. Half the average rainfall was recorded in the Southern Rhône in 2022 (just 300mm), with record temperatures across the valley in May. It was essential to control weeds that might compete for precious water. Grape development slowed down considerably over the summer, but just in time, light rains arrived - mid-August in the north, early September in the south. These roused the vines, allowing grapes to ripen fully, ahead of harvest.

Choice of picking date, as ever, played a crucial role. "Early picking of the whites was critical, to have balance of fresh fruit and acidity, without high potential alcohols," Stéphane Ogier told us. He continued: "for the reds, it was important not to rush, but to monitor each plot precisely." Unsurprisingly, grapes were small and tightly concentrated.

The results are impressive, especially for reds, which have excellent depth, pure fruit and fine tannins, without being over-powerful or warm. For whites, we offer a small number of very fine Viogniers, which have beautiful perfumes and sufficient balancing freshness.

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These wines are offered in bond UK, for delivery during 2024.

Front cover: Terre d'Ampuis © Bernard Favre, Inter Rhône

per case

Domaine Font Sarade, Vacqueyras

Claire Burle is the fourth generation at this property, centred in Vacqueyras, in the Southern Rhône. She joined her father, Bernard, in 2014, and the two work closely on their now 37-hectare estate – Bernard plans to retire in 2026. A new winery adjoins the original, 1936 cellar of her great-grandfather. Favouring the use of concrete tanks and very gentle handling of grapes and juice, Claire explained "we do all we can to bring brightness of fruit to our wines." This trio of 2022s displays this characteristic in abundance.



Claire and Bernard Burle



Ventoux Les Terres Rouge

Domaine Font Sarade 2022

At just £6.50 per bottle IB, there is everything to like in this brilliant Ventoux. 60-year-old Grenache, Syrah and Carignan vines planted in iron-rich, red sandy soils, give a red that has crunchy, strawberry and raspberry aromas. Juicy and pure, this has fullness and generosity without heaviness, texture being softly rounded, the finish having charm (for drinking as soon as shipped – 2025+).

12x75cl 78.00



Vacqueyras Les Hauts de la Ponche

Domaine Font Sarade 2022

These Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre vines are located at one of the highest points in Vacqueyras, on the 'Ponche' plateau at the northern end of the appellation. It displays classic, Vacqueyras power and richness, whilst having elegance. Medium ruby-purple, aromas are perfumed and floral: blackberries, raspberries, with a hint of orange zest. Palate is full bodied, deep and broad, having excellent depth of flavour, velvety mouthfeel, and a harmonious finish (for drinking 2025-2030+).

12x75cl 132.00

£ per case



Gigondas Les Pigières

Domaine Font Sarade 2022

The 1.25 hectare Les Pigières lies on the western edge of Gigondas, close to its border with Vacqueyras. With views up to the Dentelles de Montmirail, there is considerable limestone and chalk in these soils, giving a precisely structured, tensely fragrant style. Mid ruby-purple colour, aromas are very pretty, recalling ripe red and black fruits. Palate is full, suave and richly concentrated. Tannins are silky, carrying to a long, complete finish (for drinking 2025-2030+)

12x75cl 165.00

per case

Domaine Courbis, Châteaubourg

This domaine is located in the commune of Châteaubourg, where the rivers Rhône and Isère meet, south of Tain l'Hermitage. It has been in the Courbis family since the 16th century, with brothers Dominique (in the vines) and Laurent (in the winery) at the helm. Their Cornas wines consistently capture our imagination, displaying the vital beauty of Syrah from this appellation.



Laurent Courbis



Cornas Champelrose

Domaine Courbis 2022

The 3-hectare Champelrose vineyard lies at the bottom of the slope that leads up to La Sabarotte (see page 6). The decomposed granite soils are relatively deep, the vines suffering less from water stress, giving the cellar's most immediately charming Syrah. Deep ruby-purple, aromas are alluringly full of bramble fruits. Palate is full, deep and creamily textured, having excellent stuffing, brightly alert fruit and a very fine frame. This finishes with lovely length (for drinking 2025-2030+).

6x75cl 145.50



Cornas Les Eygats

Domaine Courbis 2022

"Les Eygats always has good natural acidity," Laurent Courbis told us. "The terraces face east, at 300 metres above sea level, so it's a cooler site – we regularly harvest 2 weeks later than at Champelrose." Tasting from barrel, with bottling planned for June 2024, this wine is already striking for its vibrancy and focus. Deep purple colour, there is intense clarity and lift to its black cherry aromas, leading to a full bodied, finely structured palate. Ripeness is balanced beautifully with linear freshness, the finish being long and silky (for drinking 2026-2035+).

6x75cl 216.00

per case



Cornas La Sabarotte

Domaine Courbis 2022

Located on the granite terraces above Champelrose, La Sabarotte is a warm plot, planted in 1947, which gives very small, deeply concentrated Syrah. This is consistently the most powerful and firmly structured Cornas at the domaine, with most ageing potential. Ageing 55% in new oak barrels, for June bottling, colour is very deep, aromas being explosive and layered: spicy, floral, full of black fruits. This is luscious and dense, having rich middle, mouthcoating texture. and long, mineral length (for drinking 2027-2038+).

6x75cl 276.00



Dominique and Laurent Courbis

per case

Domaine Marsanne, Mauves

Jean-Claude Marsanne lives and works in Mauves in the southern part of Saint-Joseph. He took over the family domaine in the early 90s, inheriting his father's meticulous approach to farming as well as his unflashy, traditional winemaking approach: native yeasts, long, slow fermentations, maturation in old demi-muids. Now joined by daughters Clémence and Marjorie, Jean-Claude continues in this vein. The first vintage we shipped was the 2010, and his brilliant, terroir-transparent, age-worthy Saint-Joseph has become a firm HH&C favourite.



Jean-Claude Marsanne



Saint-Joseph

Domaine Marsanne 2022

Jean-Claude's Saint-Joseph vineyards lie on granite terraces, opposite the hill of Hermitage. Deep ruby-purple, aromas are expressive and alert, recalling sweet blackberries and cassis – very pure. This is a full, satisfying mouthful, having lovely depth, fine structure, silky texture and a complete, long finale (for drinking 2026-2035+).

12x75cl 234.00 6x150cl 258.00 1x300cl 132.00

per case

Domaine Vendome, Larnage

Romain Roudier's family has been rooted in the village of Larnarge, just north of Tain l'Hermitage, for generations. Apricot, cherry and lavender farming was the focus of their 20-hectare property, but Romain's arrival in 2010 brought with it a passion to cultivate vines. He has been independently bottling his wines at their new on-site winery since the 2020 vintage, with organic certification in place since 2021. His wines are anchored on liveliness and purity.



Romain Roudier



Crozes-Hermitage Les Coulaires

Domaine Vendome 2022

Les Coulaires is a charming, perfumed Syrah from two clay-limestone hillside plots near the domaine buildings: Les Coulaires and Les Châssis Est. Its 10-month ageing in concrete vat has encapsulated its vibrant black fruit and violet scent. Medium bodied, this is a pure, appetising style, with a good core of fruit and a freshly tannic finish (for drinking late 2024-2027+).

12x75cl 150.00

£ per case

Domaine Vallet, Serrières

With wine studies in Burgundy under his belt, Anthony Vallet started work at the family domaine in 1998, 8 years after his father, Louis, had shifted focus from polyculture to one dedicated to vines. Anthony exudes enthusiasm and energy for his work. He farms 15 hectares on the granite slopes surrounding the riverside town of Serrières, to the south of Condrieu.



Anthony Vallet



Saint-Joseph Les Méribets

Domaine Vallet 2022

Les Méribets comes from the hillsides surrounding the domaine, consistently giving a style of Syrah that has bright fruit with velvety textures. Medium ruby-purple colour, the nose is lively with black fruit carrying to a palate that is full bodied, generous and has good stuffing. This is an ebullient wine, with a fine, clean finish (for drinking 2025-2029+).

12x75cl 162.00 6x150cl 177.00

per case

Pierre Gaillard, Malleval

Producing wines that have generosity and harmony is what Pierre Gaillard and his daughter Jeanne strive for at their family domaine. Pierre was not born into a family of winemakers – his mother was a nurse and his father worked for the railways – but his passion for outdoor life and learning led him to a career in wine. He studied viticulture and oenology in Beaune and Montpellier, going on to work as Vineyard Manager at Guigal in Côte-Rôtie. He bought his first vines in 1981: 3 hectares in Saint-Joseph's Clos de Cuminaille, in the high slopes of the commune of Malleval, at the northern edge of Saint-Joseph. Pierre now makes wines from 70 hectares, spread across the northern Rhône. Understanding the minutiae and complexities of each parcel, Pierre skilfully translates these details into each wine he makes.



Pierre Gaillard

White

Condrieu

Pierre Gaillard 2022 6x75cl 159.00

The Viognier for the Gaillard Condrieu comes from parcels located in Malleval, Condrieu and Chavanay. It aged in oak, on fine lees, for 5 months, prior to bottling in April 2023: "lees ageing is important for my whites," Pierre told us. "It builds structure, texture and tension. Early bottling in this warmer vintage was also essential, to preserve acidity and minerality." This 2022 is at once rich and supple, boasting beautiful, fresh fruit purity. This is a full bodied, creamily textured, persistent wine, with generous concentration of stone fruit and orange blossom flavours, and a streak of mineral freshness to finish (for drinking 2024-2026+).

Red



Saint-Joseph Clos de Cuminaille

Pierre Gaillard 2022

This is from Pierre's walled Clos de Cuminaille vineyard, planted in 1981, which lies in the slopes of Malleval. Deep ruby-purple, aromas are captivatingly attractive, being full of floral black cherries. Palate is striking for its velvety texture and bounteous middle fruit. The high elevation shines through in its airiness and lift, balancing natural richness. There is beautiful, fine concentration, precise structure and super length (for drinking 2025-2032+).

6x75cl 126.00

per case



Côte Rôtie

Pierre Gaillard 2022

This is text book Côte Rôtie, being a blend of 90% Syrah and 10% Viognier, from vineyards across the breadth of the Côte. Very deep colour, aromas are gorgeously perfumed and expressive, with spiced black fruits and tones of floral, fresh apricot. Palate follows through with rich, dense middle and firm structure, carrying to a long length (for drinking 2027-2036+).

6x75cl 213.00



Côte Rôtie Esprit de Blonde

Pierre Gaillard 2022

Esprit de Blonde is a thrillingly beautiful Côte Rôtie from the steep Le Mollard vineyard, on the Côte Blonde. Here, the terraced vines burrow down into gneiss bedrock, this being a blend of 90% Syrah with 10% Viognier, currently ageing in 80% new oak barrels (for bottling in June 2024). Glistening, dark ruby-purple, aromas are tightly packed and complex, recalling peachy black fruits and grilled, sweet spices. Palate is full, deep and layered, having satiny texture, fine boned structure and a very long finish (for drinking 2028-2040+).

6x75cl 366.00



Côte Rôtie Rose Pourpre

Pierre Gaillard 2022

Rose Pourpre comes from a 1-hectare plot of Syrah, planted on the iron-rich, south-facing, vertiginous, schist slopes of the Côte Brun's Côte Rozier vineyard. This has more weight than Gaillard's Esprit de Blonde (above), being a mighty, concentrated wine, of substantial proportion and structure. Opaque purple, aromas are impressively woven, with notes of dark fruits, violets, black pepper. This unfurls magnificently on the palate, being rich without heaviness, and having compelling aromatic depth (for drinking 2028-2045+).

6x75cl 441.00



Family Gaillard

per case

Domaine Stéphane Ogier, Ampuis

Stéphane Ogier has built a reputation as one of the Rhône's most highly respected winemakers. His family domaine has superb vineyard holdings in and around Côte Rôtie, as well as in the valley's southern stretches. Following studies in Beaune, Stéphane joined his father, Michel, in 1997, before taking over in 2003. His time spent in Burgundy is reflected in the elegance and finesse of his wines – both red and white. In vines and winery, precision and attention to tiny detail are key elements to his success. He strives for the highest quality at every level of his range, producing wines that have a seductive quality.

Stéphane now releases his Côte Rôtie and L'Ame Soeur cuvées after the bottling (late 2024), so here we focus on his whites, his Côtes du Rhône red and Syrah La Rosine.



Stéphane Ogier

White



Viognier de Rosine

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2022

These Viognier vines lie on a slope that links Côte Rôtie and Condrieu. Colour is glistening, pale lemon-gold, aromas being brightly scented and pure, recalling apricot and peach. Palate is medium bodied, having vibrant clarity of fruit, super-fine texture and a finish that is harmonious and fresh (for drinking 2024-2025+).

6x75cl 111.00



Condrieu "La Combe de Malleval"

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2022

From vines high in the hills in the commune of Malleval, at the southern tip of Condrieu, Stéphane stresses the importance of retaining acidity in the Viognier grapes, not allowing a hint of over-ripeness or heaviness to sneak in. Picking date was particularly key in 2022, with harvest for this wine starting on 25th August. Aromas are captivating: floral apricot, orange blossom, delicate spice. This leads to a palate that is full bodied, fleshy and richly concentrated whilst having energy and lift. Texture is silky-smooth, the finish having glorious length (for drinking 2024-2027+).

6x75cl 201.00

£ per case

96.00

Red



Le Temps est Venu, Côtes du Rhône

Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2022

Stéphane's "Temps est Venu" consistently features in our duty paid list, and here we offer an early, en primeur release of his excellent 2022. It comes from two family-owned vineyards: one in Plan de Dieu, bringing power and richness, one at higher altitude in Visan, contributing freshness and structure. "Here, I want to make a Côtes du Rhône that is a bit serious. But I also want something fresh, that has easy charm," Stéphane told us. 60% Grenache with 40% Syrah, colour is deep, aromas being lifted and intense. Full bodied, there is good roundness to the palate, having lovely depth of spiced raspberry and bramble fruits, fine tannins and a clean finish (for drinking 2024-2026+).





Domaine Stéphane Ogier 2022

This is as close as one can get to enjoying Côte Rôtie when actually drinking a wine from vines just on the other side of the border. They lie on a granite slope that links Côte Rôtie and Condrieu, averaging 40 years in age. Deep purple colour, aromas are fragrant, with notes of ripe, black berries and black pepper. Palate is full, having lovely fluidity and energy, as well as excellent focus and intensity of flavours. Finely structured, there is a line of freshness from start to finish (for drinking 2024-2028+).

3x150cl 58.50

12x75cl

6x75cl 99.00

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