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# RHÔNE

2019 EN PRIMEUR



A PERSONAL SELECTION FROM  
**THE RHÔNE 2019 VINTAGE**



## Rhône 2019: An introduction

Due to the travel restrictions of 2020, we made our selection for the 2019 offer from tastings made in the Aveyrs Cellars in Bristol in August. It was certainly different from our usual 5-day tasting marathon from Chateaneuf to Condrieu but proved a great insight into the vintage nonetheless. It is without doubt another excellent vintage and we're delighted with our final selection.

You may notice that there are slightly fewer wines this year, as there are several domaines who are planning a later

offer. The selection available here includes many perennial favourites but keep your eyes peeled and stay in touch with your wine advisor for offers from Perrin, Chapoutier, Saint Préfert and Rostaing, as well as the reds from both Stéphane Ogier and Domaine du Tunnel (see p8 for their whites). So still much to look forward to!

In the mean time, If you'd like any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us by calling **03330 148 210** or email [finewine@averys.com](mailto:finewine@averys.com)



### DOMAINE DE MOURCHON

Domaine de Mourchon describe 2019 as a terroir vintage and the 'sols frais' of Mourchon, with its marne and clay content and north east aspects, gave respite to the vines from the intense heat of midsummer. There's no doubt that the extra altitude was advantageous here too. As the 2019 wines have excellent natural balance, they need minimum oak ageing and the wines once again show this estate's move to a more minerally, fresh and elegant style.



The Family behind Domaine de Mourchon, owner Walter McKinlay and his daughter, Kate.

#### Domaine de Mourchon Tradition Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

Code: C1030119 12 Bottles **£90**

With ripe purple fruit on the nose, this is bright and fresh with good concentration of dark fruit, a delicate salinity and savoury element that runs right the way through. Smooth and long with a touch of liquorice from the Syrah on the finish.

#### Domaine de Mourchon Grande Réserve Côtes du Rhône Villages Séguret

Code: C0938119 12 Bottles **£140**

The Grande Réserve is a blend of Grenache and Syrah from the estate's oldest vines. It's bigger and richer in style than the Tradition with heady, ripe brambly fruit, firm tannin and the same bright acidity. Lovely purity and freshness with rich, sweet Syrah fruit on the finish.

### DOMAINE DE LA BASTIDE

Domaine de la Bastide is situated in the village of Visan and has a long winemaking history. It was the Knights Templar who first established vineyards on the property before it became Benedictine, then a Dominican monastery. Partially destroyed in the French Revolution, it returned to be a winemaking force to be reckoned with when Bernard Boyer purchased it in 1989. Today, it's run by his son and daughter-in-law, Vincent and Stéphanie Boyer.

#### Domaine de la Bastide Gloire de Mon Père Côtes du Rhône Villages Visan

Code: C3426019 12 Bottles **£95**

Made entirely from old vine Syrah, Vincent makes this cuvée in honour of his father. A beautiful rich colour with bright damson and black cherry fruit on the nose. Plush, brambly fruit on the palate with earthy and herbal notes alongside hints of cocoa and leather hide. It finishes long with lovely freshness and lip-smacking acidity.

### DOMAINE MARTIN

Domaine Martin was established by Julien Martin in 1905 and at the time was just 5 hectares in Plan de Dieu. Now run by his great grandsons, David and Eric, it covers around 62 hectares in the Southern Rhône including the villages of Plan de Dieu, Cairanne and Rasteau. A new addition this year is the Saint Cecile, one of the lesser-known named Côtes du Rhône Villages

#### Domaine Martin Côtes du Rhône Villages Saint Cecile

Code: 4067019 12 Bottles **£70**

Saint Cecile is one of the more recent Côtes du Rhône named villages, given AOC status in 2016. A 60:40 blend of Grenache and Syrah, this is plush and aromatic with lots of sweet, pretty fruit and a lovely freshness – very elegant. It's already drinking well and indeed has already won a gold medal at Concours des Vignerons Indépendants de France 2020.

#### Domaine Martin Côtes du Rhône Villages Plan de Dieu

Code: C3030419 12 Bottles **£75**

A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvèdre, this spends around 12 months ageing in old oak casks. Savoury and rich, it combines juicy damson and blackberry fruit with spicy, peppery notes. Lifted and fresh with fine, supple tannins and a long brambly finish.

#### Domaine Martin Rasteau Sommets Vieilles Vignes

Code: C1943219 12 Bottles **£110**

A blend of Grenache and Syrah from a plot of 60 year old vines. As in previous vintages, what's striking about this wine is that it manages to be both powerful and elegant. The fruit is incredibly rich and concentrated but it's reined in by fresh acidity giving it a delicate, poised finish. Herbal, rich and expressive.



Eric and David Martin, cousins and partners in Domaine Martin



## DOMAINE MONTIRIUS

Eric and Christine Saurel make remarkable, complex wines from their vineyards located atop a stunning hilltop site in Vacqueyras. The domaine has been biodynamic since 1999 (the first winery in the region).

After a difficult vintage last year with volumes down as much as 50%, we were happy to hear that Montirius was blessed

with a much better year in 2019. Whilst the summer was very hot, the vineyards didn't suffer from lack of water as they'd had various episodes of rain in winter and spring, as well as timely showers in summer. The wines themselves are fruity, delicate and well balanced with good natural acidity and ripe, velvety tannins. As usual, there's no oak ageing and no addition of sulphites.



The Montirius family

### Domaine Montirius Le Village Vacqueyras

Code: C2969019 12 Bottles **£125**

Le Village comes from a selection of the youngest of Montirius' Vacqueyras parcels on a plot owned by the family for six generations. Fresh, firm and pretty with very bright, juicy, floral fruit on the nose. Good concentration of fruit and very elegant.

### Domaine Montirius Jardin Secret Côtes du Rhône

Code: C3031819 12 Bottles **£150**

This comes from a one hectare plot of old vine Grenache in the village of Sablet but labelled Côtes du Rhône as it's made from 100% Grenache (to be labelled Sablet, it would have to be a blend of at least two grape varieties). They describe it as a Pinot Noir style red from the Southern Rhône and it's beautifully pure and elegant. Very fresh with fine blackcurrant fruit and delicate minerality.

### Domaine Montirius Terre des Aînés Gigondas

Code: C3096019 12 Bottles **£215**

Terre des Aînés comes from some of Eric and Christine's oldest vines in Gigondas – averaging 95 years old! Christine was explaining how she'd enjoyed a bottle of 1923 from this plot last year and it still had incredible freshness! The 2019 is an absolute stunner, very rounded and supple with sweet, floral fruit, great concentration and fresh acidity.

### Domaine Montirius Le Clos Vacqueyras

Code: C1533319 12 Bottles **£245**

Le Clos comes from a single plot of 50% Grenache and 50% Syrah just behind the winery. It has a much darker, sweeter fruit profile than Le Village with impressive concentration and density but still lots of lovely freshness. Complex with a touch of liquorice on the finish and firm, chewy tannins.

### Domaine Montirius Confidentiel Gigondas

Code: C3122019 12 Bottles **£295**

From the same vineyard as Terre des Aînés and the same blend of Grenache and Mourvèdre but remarkably different in style so they like to bottle it separately. It's very dark, sweet and juicy on the nose with a touch of mint and herbs developing in the glass. Concentrated and long with great tension and freshness.

## CHÂTEAU SIXTINE

Château Sixtine has been owned by the Diffonty family since 1673 and is currently run by Jean-Marc. He's thrilled with the 2019s, describing it as a "superb vintage". The hot, dry summer has resulted in smaller than normal berries with thick skins, intense colours and marvellous aromatic purity. The wines – both red and white – show great concentration but are also elegant and minerally with good balancing acidity.

### Château Sixtine Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Code: B2122719 6 Bottles **£110**

Château Sixtine is the flagship Châteauneuf-du-Pape of the estate, made mainly from Grenache with small amounts of Syrah and Mourvèdre. It's full of fragrant dark fruit with more savoury and herbal notes sneaking in on the finish. "...*ample blackberry and black raspberry fruits as well as notes of chocolate, cured meats and spice, full-bodied richness, plenty of polished tannins and a great finish.*" 93-95pts, Jeb Dunnuck.

### Château Sixtine Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc

Code: B2137219 6 Bottles **£110**

Made from 100% Roussanne from old vines, this has a beautiful peach and apricot nose with a zippy, fresh acidity balancing the ripe fruit on the palate. "*It shows the more fresh, crisp, elegant style of this white and offers a racy bouquet, crushed citrus, white currants, honeysuckle, and a kiss of salty minerality...it is one classy white.*" 93pts, Jeb Dunnuck.



Jean-Marc Diffonty



DOMAINE COURBIS

“An estate that readers need to have on their radar” wrote Jeb Dunnuck in The Wine Advocate of Domaine Courbis and we’ve been singing their praises for years. The brothers make some of the finest examples of Cornas being produced today and own some of the most prestigious vineyards in the region.

This year, we’ve selected the Cornas La Sabarotte which comes from a 1.5 hectare vineyard of extremely old, low yielding vines.

Domaine Courbis Cornas La Sabarotte

Code: B3434519     6 Bottles     £230

Most of the vines in the Courbis’ La Sabarotte plot were planted in 1947 but some are even older. It means that this is one of their most powerful, intensely flavoured Cornas’, but it’s also really fresh and juicy with delicate perfumed oak and firm tannin. A beauty!

DOMAINE YANN CHAVE

Yann Chave is described by John Livingtone Learmonth as “one of the best young men to appear in the northern Rhône in the past dozen years”. He has certainly built a tremendous reputation for the domaine which now has around 20 hectares in Hermitage and Crozes-Hermitage. The 2019 vintage was particularly marked by hail on 15th June which destroyed 50% of the Crozes-Hermitage vineyards. So we’re delighted to still be able to offer Yann’s Crozes-Hermitage (red and white) but do get in touch early to secure these wines.

Yann Chave Le Rouvre Crozes-Hermitage

Code: C2490119     12 Bottles     £205

Le Rouvre is Yann’s top cuvée from Crozes-Hermitage, all from 55 year old vines. The 2019 has a gorgeous, rich, dark fruit nose with herbal notes coming through on the palate. Full of personality, it’s dark toned and muscular yet juicy and fresh with grippy tannin and a long, defined finish. There might not be much of it this year but it’s well worth getting your hands on a case if you can!

Yann Chave Hermitage MAGNUM

Code: T3097219     3 Magnums     £295

A burly, muscular Hermitage, there’s incredible concentration and power here but it’s all perfectly balanced. Sexy, ripe dark fruit comes to the fore with hints of liquorice and toasted spices. With an impressive structure, lovely grippy tannins and a long finish, it has good potential for cellaring.

Yann Chave Crozes-Hermitage Blanc

Code: C3030819     12 Bottles     £175

Yann’s a big fan of white Burgundy and makes his white Crozes in a similar style with the emphasis on freshness and elegance. Entirely unoaked, there’s lovely, peachy fruit on the nose with more mineral notes coming though on the palate. Very elegant and fresh with a crisp, floral finish.

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Yann Chave and his son Gautier

FERRATON PÈRE & FILS

Ferraton Père & Fils is based in Hermitage and have excellent vineyard holdings on the Hermitage hill. Since 1998, the team has benefited from the know-how of Michel Chapoutier, a close family friend. Like Chapoutier, Ferraton is a firm supporter of organic and biodynamic farming practices.

Ferraton Père et Fils Paradis Saint-Joseph

Code: B2491719     6 Bottles     £120

The Paradis vineyard is in Mauves at the southern end of Saint-Joseph on the slope-edge of the plateau with red clay soils. It has lovely ripeness of fruit with juicy red berries and a savoury touch.

Ferraton Père et Fils Les Eygats Cornas

Code: B3428519     6 Bottles     £150

Eygats is one of the highest vineyards in Cornas and facing south, there’s a strong influence from the Mistral. It’s lifted and vibrant with a rich core of plush fruit and balancing fresh acidity. Impressive length.

Ferraton Père et Fils Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint-Joseph

Code: B2491819     6 Bottles     £155

This plot is the birthplace of the Saint-Joseph AC in Tournon-sur-Rhône. The 2019 is super-sleek and concentrated with sumptuous dark fruit, a velvety texture and long, polished finish.

Ferraton Père et Fils Les Miaux Ermitage

Code: B0962719     6 Bottles     £210

Les Miaux comes from two communes – Le Méal and Les Dionnières. Impressive richness and depth with plush, velvety fruit and a seam of freshness on the finish. Long and defined with good structure and plenty of tannin to warrant ageing.

Ferraton Père et Fils Côte Rôtie Montmain

Code: B3158519     6 Bottles     £210

Montmain’s schist and granite soils ensure the vines dig deep, keeping yields low. The result is a big, rich Côte Rôtie with a mouthful of sweet, fresh blackberry fruit and fragrant oak. Beautifully balanced with a long, regal finish.

Ferraton Père et Fils Les Dionnières Ermitage

Code: B2491919     6 Bottles     £245

From south-facing vines on the higher slopes, this is floral and aromatic with spicy dark fruit and fragrant, creamy oak. Bright, fresh black fruit is framed by firm oak and fine mineral nuances. Very long with a poised, elegant finish.

Ferraton Père et Fils Les Oliviers Saint-Joseph Blanc

Code: B2988119     6 Bottles     £150

A 50/50 blend of Marsanne and Roussanne, this is rich and weighty but also very fresh and fragrant. A lovely nose of baked pineapple and fresh white peaches with fresh citrus notes coming through on the palate with a long, mineral finish.

Ferraton Père et Fils Le Reverdy Ermitage Blanc

Code: B2493819     6 Bottles     £245

This comes from two sites in Hermitage – Le Méal and Les Beumes – and is a 50/50 blend of Marsanne and Roussanne. Complex, delicate and fresh with ripe tropical fruit, stony minerality and a silky texture. Extremely long.



Ferraton Car in Hermitage Vineyard (Les Beumes)

## DOMAINE DU TUNNEL

Domaine du Tunnel is run by Stéphane Robert and his wife Sandrine in the village of Saint-Péray. This fabulous, small, family domaine has quickly established itself as one of the finest in the region, both for its reds and whites. We're currently offering Stéphane's 2019 whites with the reds to follow at a later date.



### Domaine du Tunnel Saint-Péray Cuvée Prestige

Code: B3910119 6 Bottles **£135**

Cuvée Prestige is a blend of Marsanne from 100 year old vines with around 20% Roussanne. Both of these Saint-Péray's show lovely ripeness and roundness this year but still retain good acidity. Very perfumed and expressive with white flowers and peaches. Silky, long and mineral.

### Domaine du Tunnel Saint-Péray Pur Blanc

Code: B3469619 6 Bottles **£190**

From a single parcel of 100-year-old vines in Saint-Péray, this is the estate's benchmark white. It's beautifully elegant, fresh and mineral with white peaches, floral notes and lip-smacking acidity. Lovely balance.

### Domaine du Tunnel Condrieu

Code: B2494719 6 Bottles **£195**

A wonderfully fragrant and floral Condrieu with lots of white flowers on the nose. Ripe and rounded with exotic fruit and silky-fresh with a lovely delicacy. Intense fruit purity and a tremendously long finish.

## DOMAINE MICHEL & STÉPHANE OGIER



Michel Ogier used to sell his grapes to Chapoutier and Guigal and only began bottling his own wines in 1980. Since then, he has passed on the reins to his son Stéphane who has established himself as one of the finest producers in Côte Rôtie. Like Domaine de Tunnel, Ogier plans to offer their reds later in the year so we'll keep you posted.

### Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier Le Temps est Venu Côtes du Rhône Blanc

Code: C4067319 12 Bottles **£95**

This comes from vines in Visan in the Southern Rhône and is made mainly from Grenache Blanc and Roussanne with smaller amounts of Bourboulenc, Marsanne, Viognier and Clairette. A lovely, zippy, fresh nose with floral notes and lemon zest. Mineral, elegant and restrained on the palate with ripe-lemon acidity.

### Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier Blanc d'Ogier

Code: C3910019 12 Bottles **£100**

Another excellent value white from Stéphane Ogier, this is a blend of Marsanne, Roussanne and Viognier. A nose of ripe peaches and pears leads into a ripe, weighty palate with lightly tropical fruit balanced by fresh, pithy acidity. A long, silky and mineral finish.

### Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier Viognier de Rosine

Code: C2494119 12 Bottles **£155**

Viognier de Rosine comes from a vineyard on the border with Côte Rôtie and just north of Condrieu. A lovely nose of peaches and cream with floral undertones. Weighty and really ripe, sweet fruit on the palate is balanced by lip-smacking acidity.

### Domaine Michel & Stéphane Ogier Condrieu La Combe de Malleval

Code: B2494519 6 Bottles **£165**

This comes from two vineyards, both with granite soils and incredibly low yields. There's lovely weight and texture here with ripe peachy fruit and as always, it shows incredible minerality and freshness with a long, expressive finish.

## OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

### BUYING EN PRIMEUR

Prices are per case in bond and exclude import taxes including duty, VAT and UK delivery which will be payable just prior to delivery. The wines in this offer will be available for delivery Autumn 2021.

### IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION

If you would like to find out more about the 2019 vintage, buying en primeur or any of the wines included in this offer, please call the fine wine team on 01173 008 317.

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