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## 2021 Rhône Report

The Rhône Valley is vast, both in terms of landscape and in variations of *terroir*. The distance between Condrieu in the north and Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the south is nearly 200km, with a vine-free gap in the middle of about 50km. Despite the wider Rhône valley being considered as one winemaking region, the wines of the north and south can differ quite significantly and there is generally a greater stylistic variation than is found between the left and right banks of Bordeaux, for example. In the north, the focus is on Syrah as king of the reds, while Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne all play their unique roles in the likes of Condrieu, Hermitage and St Péray. In the south, Grenache and Mourvèdre play bigger roles alongside Syrah and Cinsault in red blends, while Roussanne and Marsanne make regular appearances in beautifully fragrant yet fresh whites.

The Rhône occupies a slightly curious position in the world of fine wine: well-established, with some of the world's most famous appellations and producers, yet sometimes overlooked. Whatever the reason for this, some of the greatest wines of France and the world are produced here, with the feeling in the wine trade that the Rhône is very much on the up and is becoming an increasingly key component of many a collector's cellar.

In a market update report published last month (*'The Rhône continues to offer value despite rising prices'*, 19/10/22), the wine trade's benchmark index and trading platform Liv-Ex noted both the comparative value and improving performance of the best wines of the region on the secondary market:



*“The Rhône continues to provide the lowest entry point into the fine wine market across the leading European region despite rising prices. The Rhône 100 index has risen 16.3% in the last year. However, based on the component wines that make up this index, its average case price is 95.6% lower than the wines in the Burgundy 150 and 62.8% lower than the Bordeaux 500.”*

The report also refers to the opportunities in both the north and south, with the former having seen market gains driven by the relatively scarce nature of many of the top single-vineyard expressions of Côte-Rôtie and Hermitage and the latter offering exceptional value for the quality on offer:

*“Within the Rhône, prices for wines from the north of the valley continue to rise faster than those from the south. The northern Rhône index is up 21.3% compared to a 6.0% move for the southern over the last one year.*

*Although the northern Rhône has been the leading market force for most of the past decade, Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines are increasingly in demand. The region has cornered 53.1% of the Rhône market so far this year. As buyers are looking for value, the south offers plenty of opportunities.”*

## The 2021 Vintage

Throughout the remarkable sequence of vintages across the Rhône Valley since 2015, each harvest produced wines that differ in many respects from one year to another, but that were (broadly speaking) structured, often powerful wines. This run was unprecedented and reflected the new reality of hotter, drier summers that present many of the world's vine-growing regions with a new set of challenges. 2021 was atypical in this modern context, with a growing season and a resulting style of wine that brought smiles of recognition to the faces of winemakers that have memories stretching across decades. We're very pleased to report that there are many excellent wines from across the Rhône, in all appellations and at all price points.

The reds are classically-styled and will offer earlier drinking than most recent vintages – for those that are continuing a vertical collection, we would recommend starting the 2021s before the 2021s, 2019s and in many cases the 2018s. Alcohol levels are lower in many of the wines, so expect to see 13-13.5% abv on the labels of bottles that more often clock in at 14-14.5% abv. The cool first half of the growing season put back ripening, while frosts in the spring meant that production volumes are significantly lower at many Domaines. The good news for drinkers is that the winemakers we tasted with at the start of this month were happy with their wines, with the consensus being that a positive turn in the weather towards the end of the summer saved the day.

Many of the whites are bright, open and absolutely delicious. Viognier seems to have thrived in the conditions – this is a grape with a tendency to express sunshine in the vineyard as alcohol in finished wine and the fresher conditions seem to have kept this in check, with the hallmark floral opulence still very much on display. The white blends we tasted from both ends of the valley were excellent, with the flexibility of different varieties utilised where some plots fared better than others.

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## Where to start?

The reduced yields have meant that some wines we offered previously haven't been made, but we are pleased to have added a Côtes du Rhône from one of the best villages in the appellation - [Côtes du Rhone Brézème](#) from **Château de la Rolière**. Produced exclusively from Syrah, which is unusual for the category, this new addition offers exceptional value. We have also welcomed an exciting new white Châteauneuf-du-Pape in the form of [Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Les Roussannees de Charles](#) – a remarkable expression of the great Roussanne grape.

We flag **Domaine Garon's** [La Part des Vivants](#) every year and with good reason – it offers an incredible amount of wine at £7.50 per bottle in bond. Côte-Rôtie has once again produced excellent wines, in an accessible style. René Rostaing sees some similarities with 1987 in his wines – a cooler year in which Côte-Rôtie was the standout appellation. The wines at **Domaine Rostaing** were excellent as ever, as were **Domaine Garon's** range of single vineyard expressions of Côte-Rôtie. The dynamic **Julien Cécillon** was impressive in 2021 – we were amazed at how good the wines were again, with [Crozes Hermitage Les Marguerites](#) showing many of the qualities one would expect from Hermitage itself.

In the south, the wines show a glorious expression of fruit. Once again, tasting component parts at **Domaine du Cayron** was instructive in understanding the complexity of the final blend in their textbook [Gigondas](#), whilst **Domaine du Grand Tinel's** [Châteauneuf-du-Pape Alexis Establet](#) is a standout – **Jeb Dunnuck's** verdict is that it has *“a seamless, elegant mouthfeel, terrific mid-palate depth, and outstanding length... I'd be thrilled to own bottles”*. Followers of **Château de Beaucastel** shouldn't miss the flagship **Châteauneuf-du-Pape** it's another knockout wine from one of the great names of the Rhône.



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# NORTHERN RHÔNE





Winemaker Florent Viale continues to grow the reputation of his family's Domaine, ageing the Hermitage wines for up to a year and a half before release in larger oak barrels (tonneaux) which allows the terroir to express itself. Never using more than 20% new oak, Florent's wines are elegant despite their power and concentration.

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Cuvée 'Gaby'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£120</b>

A barrel selection comprised of 80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne, which sees 12 months in one year old oak. Wonderful aromatics of ripe melon combined with orange marmalade and adds an attractive hint of scorched citrus zest. Medium to full-bodied, such concentrated fruit which carries the oak well, with a silky texture and a long finish.

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Hermitage Blanc</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£245</b>

One of the finest wines we've tried from Colombier, the 2021 Hermitage Blanc shows incredibly intense aromatics of kafir lime leaf, honeyed pineapple and vanilla, while the full-bodied palate is equally voluminous. Spending one year in oak, 50% of which is new, this rich, silky and long Hermitage is nicely supported by subtle oak, and will be nearly impossible to resist in youth, though will reward a decade's patience, and last up to two decades (or more).

## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Crozes-Hermitage Rouge, Cuvée 'Gaby'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£120</b>

Vibrant and charming energy to spicy and ripe red strawberries, peppered cherries, a velvety-textured finish and ample length with a touch of garrigue herb. Whereas the Cuvée Gaby Blanc is a selection of the best barrels, this is made exclusively from a selection of old vines.

<b>2021 Hermitage Rouge</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£245</b>
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Rich, dark and spicy on the nose with fleshy ripe fruit and a structure that builds and builds with time in the mouth. Beautifully concentrated black fruit and savoury complexity – wonderfully balanced, although likely to be approachable earlier than recent vintage, this will still require at least five years in the cellar. Impressive.



A family estate with a singular focus on St Joseph, Domaine Coursodon has a reputation for excellence. Fifth generation winemaker Jerome Coursodon works alongside his father Pierre. They farm 16 hectares, with the winery just next to the lieu-dit St Joseph that gives the wider appellation its name. There is no mechanisation all vineyard work is done by hand and the focus is on quality and expression. For the reds, around 80% of the grapes are destemmed and vinification takes place in barrels- 50% in 600l demi-muid and 50% in 228l Burgundy barrels.

## WHITE

	Case	Price
<b>2021 Etincelle Blanc, Vin de France</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£79</b>

An interesting combination of violet and aniseed, with a great sense of aromatic freshness. Light- to medium-bodied, this is very fresh on the palate too. It finishes on white flowers and apricot, and a flinty reductive note. It's an unusual blend for the northern Rhône, but this works well. Drink young. Fermented and aged in stainless steel, the vineyards are near Mauves, just outside of the St-Joseph appellation.

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	Case Size	Price
<b>2021 St Joseph Blanc, Le Paradis St Pierre</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£189</b>
<p>From Paradis and St Joseph parcels, 90% Marsanne and 10% Roussanne, 1 year in barrels (20% new). Full and savoury, with depth and viscosity. Nutty and rich, with a complexity that will only develop and harmonise as the oak integrates over time. From 70-80 year old vines.</p>		

## RED

	Case Size	Price
<b>2021 St Joseph Rouge, Silice</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£109</b>
<p>A blend of parcels from schist and granite. Aged in large old oak barrels. Bright red fruit, with redcurrants, plums and vibrant cherry aromas. Deceptively structured and serious under the fruit, with a fresh finish. Will age well but has an appealing vibrancy in youth.</p>		

<b>2021 St Joseph Rouge, L'Olive</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£155</b>
<p>Mainly from a single plot in Saint-Jean de Muzols with 70-year-old vines, but this year benefitting from the addition of fruit that would normally be destined for the Sensonne and Paradis St Pierre bottlings. Density with ripe dark fruit and black pepper spice, ripe rounded tannins. 20% new oak. Polished and set up well for medium term cellaring.</p>		



Domaine Rémi Niero is a small family-owned estate producing traditional wines with stunning concentration. Robert, Rémi's father, took over the estate in 1986 on the death of his father-in-law, Jean Pinchon. Since that time he has enlarged their holdings to five hectares, notably in Condrieu and Côte-Rôtie. Robert Niero retired in October 2010 and Rémi is now in charge of the Domaine.

### WHITE

	Case Size	Price
<b>2021 Condrieu 'Les Ravines'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£159</b>

Textbook Condrieu from three plots across the appellation. Purity and freshness run through this, with a depth from carefully managed barrel ageing in used oak for 40% of the blend. Very full on the palate, with a dense, spicy finish. Low yields have led to great concentration. This will drink well on landing next year and for a further 3-5 years.

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<b>2021 Condrieu 'Coeur de Roncharde'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£185</b>
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A selection of old vines (60-80 years old), this is in a similar style to Les Ravines, with a little more breadth and density on the palate. From vines on granitic soils on the La Roncharde hill, one of the best sites in Condrieu. Long, mineral finish, muscular and tight. 40% of the blend is aged in oak barrels (one-third new) before bottling.

<b>2021 Condrieu 'Cherytage'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£259</b>
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The wine previously known as Heritage but relabelled in 2021 as the wine comes from Chery, one of Condrieu's great sites. This bottling represents the Domaine's ultimate expression of the appellation and is a serious and deep style, initially quite savoury, with the fruit tightly wound. A couple of years in the cellar will see this develop into a wine of great depth and complexity. Aged 50% in stainless steel, 50% in oak (half of which is new).

## RED

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie 'Eminence'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£189</b>
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Born from the mixing of two terroirs, one of mica schist and the other granite, this exudes aromas of blackberry, cassis, violet and white pepper. On the palate it is harmonious, with fresh fruit that is expressive of the vintage. A fine expression of Côte-Rôtie. 40% new oak, with 5% Viognier in the blend.



René Rostaing has owned 2 hectares in Côte-Rôtie since the 1970s, but in later years has inherited more, now owning a substantial 7.4 hectares. He uses a proportion of whole bunches, depending on the vintage, and ages the young wines in no more than 15% new oak, without filtration. One of the great names of Côte-Rôtie, the wines are always highly sought after.

## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie ‘Ampodium’</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£240</b>
A blend from 17 plots across Côte-Rôtie, this is a true expression of the appellation from one of its finest Domaines. Spicy black fruit, pepper and classic smoked bacon notes, with a savoury complexity and beautifully integrated tannins. Aged in a mix of 600l demi-muid and smaller oak barrels, a small proportion of which is new.		

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	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie La Landonne</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£495</b>
Impressive aromatic depth, with a layered profile of cool blue fruit and dense, rounded tannins that build on the impressive finish. A wine to lay down and savour in time.		

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie Côte Blonde</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£625</b>
Dark berries to the fore on the appealing nose, with lavender and freshly cracked pepper. An underlying tension from the fine, layered tannins. A magnificent expression of the Côte Blonde, so pure yet with a subtle power.		



The Domaine owns 5 hectares of vines in Côte-Rôtie. The wines are aged on average in 30% new oak barrels for 18-24 months, but exact figures vary from Cuvée to Cuvée. The Lancement lieu-dit is on the Côte Blonde and here the wines see up to 50% new oak, for up to 36 months. Les Triotes receives a little less time, 18-20 months in up to 25% new barrels. Les Rochins is from parcels of vines on Côte Brune soils.

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 St Joseph Blanc</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£100</b>

90% Roussanne, 10% Marsanne, aged in old oak. Approachable with ripe apples and a hint of orange peel. Pure, fresh fruit, with the hallmark tension and elegance of the vintage on display.

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	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Condrieu La Vieille Maison</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£145</b>

A blend of 4 parcels from the main villages of the appellation. 12 months in barrels, 25% of which are new. Vines are on exposed terraced vineyards, which see a lot of sun and therefore produce rich, ripe grapes. A full, spicy palate with a smoky note, finishing long and mineral. Will drink on landing or age for 5 years in the cellar. An outstanding example of just how good Viognier can be here.

RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Cotes du Rhône La Part des Vivants</b>	<b>12x75cl</b>	<b>£90</b>

Unusually for a Cotes du Rhône, this is dominated by Syrah (80%), sourced from the domaine’s own Northern Rhone vineyards, as well as from selected sites in Rasteau, Cairanne and around Ardèche. The blend is rounded out with Grenache and Mourvèdre, but the style remains quite Northern, giving an excellent insight in to the house style at an unbeatable price. Aged for 12 months in used oak barrels. Aromas of ripe red and black berries with notes of spice and dry herbs. Medium-bodied and vibrant on the palate with elegance and smooth tannins. Will age well over 3-5 years. A star buy.

<b>2021 St Joseph 'Agricola' Rouge</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£95</b>
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Aged for 14 months in oak barrels, 10% of which are new. Mostly from Domaine-owned vines, supplemented by one-third bought in fruit from select sites. Lovely ripe fruit, very up front and vibrant, with a real plushness. Refreshing finish with a lick of spice that adds a more complex gastronomic note, this offers excellent value for the quality.

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Syrah Jardins de Rome Seyssuel</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£115</b>

Seyssuel sits across the river from Côte-Rôtie and benefits from a similar schist terroir. Although there is a great history of winemaking here, the sites were mostly abandoned and forgotten until the mid-1990s, when a small number of winemakers saw the potential and began replanting. Now Seyssuel has a growing reputation as an excellent value alternative to Côte-Rôtie. This is from relatively young vines (8-10 years old) and offers gloriously expressive, perfumed red-fruited aromas with classic Northern Rhône cracked pepper characters. This Cuvée usually benefits from a little bottle age, but 2021 is the most smooth and approachable expression of this wine that we've tasted from barrel. 10% is aged in new oak, with the remainder in older barrels.

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie 'Les Triotes'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£180</b>
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A blend of plots on schist soils on the Côte Blonde. Always a reliable bet for quality and value, there is a white pepper aroma with ripe, pure red fruits and a tight supporting structure. Great length, with a fresh, mineral finish.

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie 'Le Combard'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£285</b>
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A Cuvée from an extremely steep south-west facing lieu-dit plot on the Côte Blonde, situated just behind the winery. Plush fruit, spicy notes with an exotic hint and an ultra-smooth profile married to great concentration and intensity. Very impressive.

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie 'Les Rochins'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£349</b>
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From the domaine's only plot on the Côte Brune (the only Côte-Rôtie in the Garon range with a dark label to highlight the difference in a line-up), this is a good illustration in the typical differences between Blonde and Brune. Dark and peppery, with a dense, meaty and savoury profile. Rich dark fruits flesh out the wine in the mouth, with a long, mineral finish. This will require time in the cellar.

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie ‘Lancement’</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£545</b>

Garon’s most celebrated wine from one of the most famous sites in the region in the heart of the Côte Blonde. Simultaneously powerful and elegant, with cool dark fruits wound up with a deep fine-grained tannic core.



The Clusel-Roch family own 5 hectares in Côte-Rôtie which they farm organically, working in the steep vineyards by hand and using donkeys. Yields are some of the lowest in the region and the fermentation and extraction is very gentle (using naturally occurring yeasts) to give elegant, complex wines.

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Condrieu Verchery</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£245</b>

Ripe and peachy on the nose – elegant and mineral, with great depth on the finish. From 35-year-old vines, that give depth to the fruit.

## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Traboules, Coteaux du Lyonnais</b>	<b>12x75cl</b>	<b>£98</b>

Gamay from Coteaux du Lyonnais in the southern part of the appellation, not far from the River Rhône. A fine structure which reveals aromas of red summer fruits, redcurrants and raspberries. Pure and refreshing, for drinking young.

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie ‘Les Schistes’</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£245</b>
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Always one of the most popular wines in our offer each year- this is textbook Côte-Rôtie from a blend of sites to give a classic expression with red berries, iodine, freshly cracked pepper and violets. This will age well but can be approached in relative youth, particularly with the freshness of the vintage.

<b>2021 Côte-Rôtie ‘Les Grandes Places’</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£410</b>
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A remarkable Côte-Rôtie from 80-year-old vines in a 1-hectare plot in the north of the region. Complex and powerful, tightly wound and will certainly benefit from cellar ageing. Deep red and black fruits, tannins that build on the dark, spicy finish.



Etienne Pochon farms almost 16 hectares of vineyards in Crozes-Hermitage, 12 of which are dedicated to Syrah, with the remaining 4 planted with white grapes. Farming has been organic since 2014. All grapes are carefully hand-harvested and the Crozes-Hermitage Blanc is vinified from 50% each of Roussanne and Marsanne. The red Crozes-Hermitage is vinified in oak vats for 6 months.

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£65</b>

A blend of 55% Roussanne and 45% Marsanne. Fresh pear and jasmine on the nose, with peach and juicy apple on the palate – lovely freshness, acidity and balance here. Fruit forward and accessible, with a saline note on the long finish giving complexity.

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## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Crozes-Hermitage Rouge</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£65</b>

Some complex aromas of blueberry and blackcurrant with a peppery spice, great concentration of rich ripe red and black fruit on the palate. Balanced, soft tannins and good length. Excellent value Syrah for early drinking or cellaring for 5 years.



Yann began to work on the wine-growing part of his parents' estate in 1996, when he was 26, restructuring the vines and beginning to work on the soil. After being victim of poisoning by an insecticide he was using to treat the vines, he began seeking alternative solutions, engaging with organic agriculture at the dawn of the year 2000. The estate was certified in 2007. Today, located at the heart of Crozes-Hermitage appellation, the estate extends to 20 hectares

## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Crozes-Hermitage Rouge</b>	<b>12x75cl</b>	<b>£190</b>

From estate-owned plots, with vines of an average 25-30 years of age and no oak used. All about the fruit, fresh red cherries and plums, sappy and bright with smooth tannins and a refreshing finish. Will drink brilliantly on arrival.

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Cave Julien Cécillon is the project of two winemakers: American Nancy Kerschen and Rhône Valley native Julien Cécillon. After working for various wineries including Yves Cuilleron and Saintsbury, they founded their estate in 2011. With vineyards situated on the steep, rocky hillsides of the Northern Rhône Valley, they are dedicated to produce elegant, terroir driven wines which reflect the climate, soil, and character of each appellation.

## WHITE

### 2021 Saint Péray Gemini

Case size	Price
6x75cl	£129

A standout in 2021 – beautifully concentrated nose of apricot, peach and honey. A wonderfully rich, powerful yet balanced palate shows notes of jasmine and apricot with a touch of salinity. This is a must-have for fans of white Rhone from one of the region's hottest producers. 70% Marsanne, 30% Roussanne.

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## RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Syrah Les Graviers</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£50</b>
<p>A negociant wine produced from 3 different plots, with most of the fruit coming from around Ardèche. 30% whole bunches and the wine is aged in old barrels. Beautifully fresh blackberry and pepper on the nose – crunchy and juicy black fruit on the palate, this has got to be one of the best values of the year.</p>		
<b>2021 Crozes Hermitage Les Marguerites</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£130</b>
<p>From 80–100-year-old vines on an easterly exposed plot on the side of the hill of Hermitage (which because of the steepness costs the same as Côte-Rôtie to plant), Les Marguerites is an exceptional example of what is possible in Crozes. An inviting and powerful nose of very ripe blackcurrant and black cherry, with a touch of savoury spice. Incredible depth and balance on the palate – ripe and concentrated blackberry and strawberry, with tannins softened by careful ageing techniques.</p>		
<b>2021 Saint Joseph Rouge, Babylone</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£135</b>
<p>Beautifully pure and elegant nose. Rich and ripe with blueberry, plum and blackcurrant aromas – there’s a lovely precision here. Well-balanced structure with a velvety, fleshy mouthfeel. Black cherry and raspberry notes framed by herb and black pepper aromas. From a range of plots, with some vines more than 100 years</p>		



Francois Villard was previously a chef but changed course to winemaking, planting his first vines in Condrieu in 1989. Since then, he has become a star of the Northern Rhône, crafting wines of great complexity and intensity with a potential to cellar extremely successfully. The Condrieu wines are matured for 11 months on lees in barrel, a proportion of which (30-35%) is new, while the whites from Saint Péray and Saint-Joseph are matured in old oak barrels for 11 and 18 months respectively. The red wines are vinified largely using whole clusters and aged in oak barrels, a small proportion of which are new.

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Saint Péray 'Version'</b>	<b>12x75cl</b>	<b>£195</b>

Rich and opulent yet bright and refreshing. This medium to full-bodied blend of 70% Marsanne and 30% Roussanne was barrel fermented and aged for 12 months in older barrels, giving it plenty of weight and a silky, yet viscous texture, but the flavours of golden baked apple and flamed citrus zest keep the wine fresh, lingering elegantly on the finish.

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	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Condrieu, DePoncins</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£210</b>
Full and opulent, this is aged in barrels (35% new) for 14 months, giving a creaminess and richness to the wine. Spicy and with rich, expressive fruit, this is a seriously impressive Condrieu.		

<b>2021 Saint-Joseph Blanc, 'Mairlant'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£120</b>
A barrel-fermented blend of Marsanne and Roussanne that sees 15% new oak, the nose here offers intense aromas of honey, melon and pineapple. Very pure and elegant, it's medium-bodied, with a tight and zesty yet textured feel.		

## RED

<b>2021 Saint-Joseph Rouge, 'Poivre et Sol'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£95</b>
No Reflet was made in 2021, so that fruit that would normally have gone in to that Cuvée is here. Bright and peppery, with no new oak used. Crunchy and fresh red berries, with good persistence on the finish.		

<b>2021 Cornas 'Jouvet'</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£185</b>
Rounded, sleek fruit. Plenty of structure, will need a couple years in the cellar before approaching, but this is a full and impressive 2021. The vines are at 400m, helping to retain freshness even in warm vintages.		



New to our offer this year, Château de la Rolière is located in Brézème – a village in the very southern part of the Northern Rhone. Brézème can append its name to the Côtes du Rhône Villages appellation, a recognition of the quality and unique expression of the terroir. Château de la Rolière has been owned by the Marchal family since 1976, with the winery constructed at the estate in 1995. Today, the wines benefit from quality focused sustainable vineyard practices and mature vines of up to 35 years old. Excellent value on offer here.

### RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Côtes du Rhône Villages Brézème</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£65</b>

New to our offer this year, this cracking Côtes du Rhône Villages comes from Brézème, at the bottom of the northern Rhone. 100% Syrah, it offers superb value for money. Pure, elegant and pretty nose of fresh strawberry and raspberry, with a touch of pepper and clove underneath. Vibrant and pure fruit on the palate – this is juicy, ripe and very moreish.

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# SOUTHERN RHÔNE





Michel Faraud has handed over the running of this Domaine to his 3 daughters, Delphine, Sandrine and Rosaline. They produce one of the benchmark wines of the appellation, rich and with a great lifespan. Yields from the 40-year-old vines are kept very low – just 30 hl/ha. The wines are unfinned and unfiltered, simply resting for a year in large wooden casks. 78% Grenache, 14% Syrah, 6% Cinsault, 2% Mourvèdre.

## RED

	Case	Price
<b>2021 Gigondas</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£125</b>

Blend of three-quarters Grenache with the addition of Syrah, Cinsault and Mourvèdre. The fruit is harmonious and with greater depth than each of the three components of the blend individually that we tasted separately at the Domaine – a wine very much greater than the sum of its parts! Ripe blueberries and red plums, with a framing of spice from the barrel ageing. Lovely balance, bright and floral with more to come after time in bottle.

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Founded in 1929 when Pierre Amadiou made the decision to bottle wine under his own name, which was coming from 7 hectares of vines in Gigondas, which had been passed on by generation to generation. The ambition is to obtain well-balanced wines with a Burgundy finesse. Through the ageing they try to reveal all the elegance and richness of our protected terroirs, located on the heights of the appellation Gigondas.

### RED

	Case	Price
<b>2021 Gigondas, Romane Machotte</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£75</b>

Sourced from deeply rooted on the hillsides of the family estate and aged for 12 months in foudres and barrels. Aromas of black and red berries with scents of provençal wild herbs. Generous on the palate with soft yet powerful tannins, and a long and spicy finish seasoned with black pepper.

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Domaine du Clos des Tourelles is located below the village of Gigondas. Its historic and emblematic 3-hectare vineyard of very old Grenache on limestone soils with a marly-sandy matrix, is the last Clos still existing in Gigondas, with the wine vinified on an on-site boutique winery by the Perrin family of Château de Beaucastel.

## RED

	Case	Price
<b>2021 Gigondas</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£225</b>

Wow – what a nose! Juicy cassis, crushed blackcurrant, tobacco, rosemary, liquorice – such purity, The palate is full of dark fruits, the tannins are fine, detailed and chalky and need time to integrate. The fruit is juicy and with good concentration. Really delicious!

**16.5+ Points, Alistair Cooper MW, [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com)**

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Domaine du Grand Tinel have been producing wine since 1972 and have 53 hectares of vineyards within Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Grapes are hand-picked and sorted at the winery prior to destemming and crushing. Red wines are aged in a mix of old and new oak. Some of the best value in Châteauneuf-du-Pape can be found here.

WHITE

	Case size	Price
2021 Châteauneuf-du-pape Blanc	6x75cl	£125

The classic 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is based on 45% Grenache Blanc, 37% Roussanne, and 18% Bourboulenc. It's a fine effort delivering crisp apple and honeyed lemon fruits, medium-bodied richness, nicely integrated acidity, and the vintage's fresh, vibrant, crisp style, while still bringing beautiful depth of fruit and richness. It's a classic, impeccably made white to drink over the coming 2-4 years.

92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Les Roussannes de Charles</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£195</b>

Honeyed golden fruits, toasted nuts, and some salty, mineral notes all emerge from the 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Roussannes De Charles, a pure, beautifully textured, layered white that has a medium-bodied mouthfeel, plenty of fruit, the vintage's purity, and a great finish. It's perfect for drinking over the coming 2-3 years or so.

**92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**

## RED

<b>2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition Rouge</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£120</b>
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The classic 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape is also terrific and well worth seeking out. Blackberries, hints of currants, peppery herbs, licorice, and crushed stone all define the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, with good mid-palate depth, some firmer tannins, and a great finish. There's good depth of fruit here as well as concentration, and it should round into form with just short-term cellaring.

**90-92 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**

<b>2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Alexis Establet Rouge</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£160</b>
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The 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Alexis Establet is a smaller production release that comes from 100% Grenache aged in foudre and demi-muids. Its ruby/purple hue is followed by a beautiful perfume of black raspberries, blackberries, spicy garrigue, and hints of loamy earth. Beautiful on the palate as well, it's medium to full-bodied, has a seamless, elegant mouthfeel, terrific mid-palate depth, and outstanding length. It's beautifully balanced and shows the fresher, pretty, elegant style of the vintage. I'd be thrilled to own bottles.

**92-94 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**

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The Boiron family have made wine at this domaine since 1860. They have 40 distinct parcels of vines, spread across 32 hectares. Average vine age is 50 years but a parcel of 100-year-old vines is used for the Chante le Merle. Nicolas Boiron makes wines for long aging, to reach maturity at around 6-7 years. The cellar has a mixture of foudres and demi-muids.

### RED

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Châteauneuf-du-pape</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£125</b>

The 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape is slightly more fruit-forward, with bright raspberry and strawberry fruits as well as flower and peppery notes. These carry to a medium to full-bodied, seamless, pure, incredibly charming, and elegant barrel sample that's going to drink nicely right out of the gate yet keep for 10-15 years. The blend is 75% Grenache, 11% each of Syrah and Mourvèdre, and the rest Cinsault, Vaccarese, and Cunoise, partially destemmed, and still aging mostly in foudre, with small amounts in demi-muids and concrete tanks.

**91-93 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**

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	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Chante le Merle</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£230</b>

The old vine 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Chante Le Merle Vieilles Vignes checks in as 86% Grenache, 7% Syrah, and 7% Mourvèdre. It has a ruby/plum color as well as classic notes of red and black fruits, new leather, peppery herbs, and spice. These all carry to a medium to full-bodied, pure, beautifully balanced, layered 2021 offering solid mid-palate depth, ripe tannins, and tons of charm.

**92-94 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**



Château de Beaucastel is surrounded by hills planted with vines, hundred-year-old olive trees and truffle oaks. Here nature is blooming, liberated and at ease. Ancient vines with knotted roots are nurtured in the traditional "gobelet" style in the soil typical of the region, laden with large round pebbles. When the Mistral blows - the legendary wind from the Alps - it whistles down the Rhône Valley cooling the vines and revealing aromas of Garrigue. It has the Southern accent of those who live here at one with the Mediterranean climate. It's on these ancestral soils, supporting the 13 grape varieties of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, that each new vintage of Beaucastel is born.

## RED

### 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape

Case size      Price

6x75cl      £310

Cask sample. Very inviting nose, liquorice, dark crushed cassis, leather, strawberry jam – earthy dark spice. A supple and ripe palate with good freshness and acidity throughout. Tight and fine, firm tannins, dark fruits, liquorice, thyme and a ripe savoury-tinged finish. **17.5 Points, Alistair Cooper MW, jancisrobinson.com**

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	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Cotes du Rhône, Coudoulet de Beaucastel</b>	<b>12x75cl</b>	<b>£160</b>

Very appealing nose, juicy, packed full of berry fruit, leather and spice. Rich layered palate with taut tannins, good freshness and a balanced finish. Needs a bit of time – medium-bodied but attractive dark-fruit cassis-led style.

**16.5 Points, Alistair Cooper MW, [jancisrobinson.com](http://jancisrobinson.com)**



Rodolphe de Pins has been at the helm at Montfaucon since 1995, following stints at Henschke in the Barossa Valley and Vieux Telegraphe in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Rodolphe's enthusiasm is infectious and it is immediately clear just how much work and thought goes in to the wines, which offer exceptional quality across the range. Serious, intense and age-worthy wines. \*Please note that the estate give their wines extended cellar ageing, so these wines will not be available until Autumn 2024.\*

## WHITE

	Case size	Price
<b>2021 Lirac Blanc, Vin de Madame la Comtesse</b>	<b>6x75cl</b>	<b>£130</b>

Mostly Clairette (with a splash of co-planted Bourboulenc and Grenache Blanc) from a single vineyard plot of 150-year-old old vines! Aged in old oak barrels, this is complex, deep and textured across the palate with white pepper notes. Impressive length on the mineral, refreshing finish. Rodolphe believes that Clairette is the great white grape of the southern Rhone and there is “no equivalent.”

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## RED

### **2021 Lirac Rouge, Baron Louis**

**6x75cl**

**£85**

Six grapes- 60% of the blend is Grenache, alongside Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre, Counoise and Carignan. Dark fruits, with a spicy finish. Serious, opulent and very good.

### **2021 Lirac Rouge, Vin de Monsieur le Baron de Montfaucon**

**6x75cl**

**£170**

15 grape varieties co-fermented, with Grenache being the largest part at around 20%. Dark, macerated cherries, black pepper, ultra-smooth and silky on the palate. Indulgent and elegant.

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