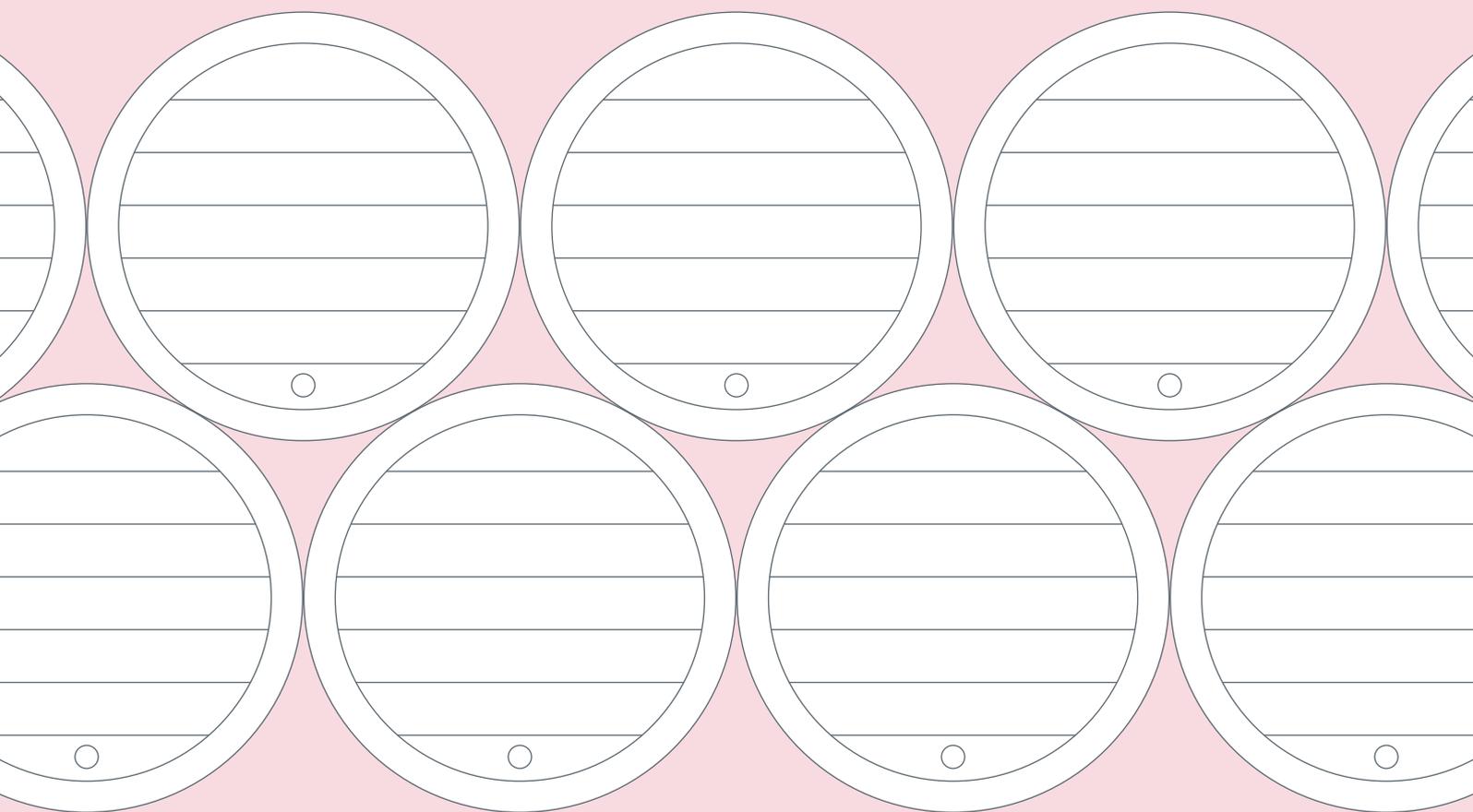


Rhône 2013

en primeur





The Latimer team had the ‘arduous’ task of tasting the 2013 vintage, we are delighted to report that the quality here is very high. Tasting the wines it soon became apparent that many of them were characterised by a lovely freshness and balance, and if anything, these are the hallmarks of the vintage.

The growers were unanimously pleased with the quality of the fruit, however yields are down significantly. Rene Rostaing in Cote-Rotie was extremely pleased with his wines but explained that he was 50% down, a similar story at Clusel-Roch. In the south it was Grenache that suffered with yields reduced 30-50%.

An extremely cold spring delayed and stunted the flowering. Coulure (fruit set failure) was rife, particularly with Grenache. After a difficult start to the growing season the weather soon improved. Those who were patient reaped the rewards of an extremely long growing season (for some this was the latest harvest in 30 years). The berries that did set were small but

intensely concentrated. This long and relatively cool growing season has arguably led to the freshness and comparatively lower levels of alcohol found in the 2013 vintage.

With wines that are concentrated, elegant and balanced we feel that 2013 is a vintage that will offer real pleasure in its youth but equally benefit from time in the cellar.

“The hillside vineyards positively relished the copious spring rainfall. Saint-Péray whites are showing superb quality, and Cornas wines are also well-coloured and show excellent balance.”
Albéric Mazoyer
Domaine Alain Voge in Cornas

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Northern Rhone Côte-Rôtie

Arguably the wines of Cote-Rotie are more akin to the delicacy and elegance of Burgundy than the raw power of the southern Rhone. The Domaines are small and attention to detail is paramount. The vineyards are set on steep terraces overlooking the Rhone, giving the vines maximum sunlight hours but kept cool in the height of summer with the infamous 'Mistral' wind. The soil type tends to be in the main a mix of iron-rich schist and granite. The work for the vigneron could not be harder but this is often rewarded with some of the most age worthy and complex wines in the whole of the region. Syrah at its best.

Domaine Clusel-Roch

Clusel-Roch is run by Brigitte Roche, Gilbert Clusel and their son Guillaume (set to take over the running of the Domaine very soon). Biodynamic methods have been practiced here for many years. Their style is classic and pure with a very light touch of oak. Low yields, excellent vineyard sites and gentle extraction creates exceptionally complex but elegant wines. A great vintage for them (although they are 50% down!).

Côte-Rôtie La Petite Feuille

8-15 year old vines. Very pretty. Raspberry's with a hint of spice on the palate. Expressive and round. This will offer lots of pleasure soon after release and in the medium term.

12
2 cases
available

£255 InBond

Côte-Rôtie Classique

Syrah showing great beauty here. Floral notes on the nose and Pinot like on the palate with good structure (much helped by their parcel in Le Champon). Only 15% new oak which allows the fruit to shine through. Very elegant which is now becoming something of a synonym for Clusel's wines. Highly recommended.

12
10 cases
available

£310 InBond

Domaine Rene Rostaing

Rene Rostaing is without doubt one the greatest producers in Côte Rotie. He is fortunate to have owned 2 hectares in Côte-Blonde and La Landonne since the 1970s. Rene Rostaing dislikes the taste of new oak and uses a maximum of 15% new oak. With Rostaing's production down 50% down, buy this while you can.

Côte-Rôtie Cuvee Classique Ampodium

From 13 different parcels. 10% new oak. This was one of the best Ampodium's we have ever tasted. Good structure, very concentrated fruit but with an acidity that keeps it all in line. Vibrant bramble berry fruit. Really very impressive and one for the cellar.

6

£215 InBond

Limited quantity available

Côte-Rôtie La Landonne

10% new oak. Landonne '13 is a substantial wine, rich and long. Fine tannins coat the mouth. Blackberry, raspberry, roasted meats and ground pepper. Backward at the moment but it certainly has a bright future ahead.

6

£445 InBond

Limited quantity available

Côte-Rôtie Cote Blonde

10% new oak. This was quite restrained when tasting it in October and not showing its full colours (not unusual at this stage). That said there was no hiding its potential. Rich, elegant and a very long profile. Spring flowers, concentrated black raspberries, liquorice with white ground pepper. Velvet tannins. A wine of real class!

6

£480 InBond

Limited quantity available



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Northern Rhone Saint Joseph

The appellation was created in 1956. 90% of the wines are made from Syrah. Priced below Cote-Rotie and Cornas, St Joseph from the right producer can offer terrific value.

Domaine Courbis *a new Domaine for Latimer*

“They never failed to impress. Located in the tiny town of Chateaubourg and covering roughly 50 acres in Saint-Joseph and 20 in Cornas, most of which are ideally situated, Courbis is now run by Laurent and Dominique Courbis, with Laurent running the cellar and Dominique managing the vineyards. Despite the high quality, these wines remain reasonably priced... It’s an estate that needs to be on every Northern Rhone lover’s short list.” Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

St Joseph

12

£140 InBond

‘Une belle fraicheur’ the Courbis brothers told us. We entirely agree. This easy drinking style St Joseph will be drinkable almost from release. Mineral and soft. Strawberry and redcurrant.

St Joseph Les Royes

12

£195 InBond

A real step up here and quite serious. This single vineyard cuvee really impressed. From limestone and importantly granite soil. Darker fruit, textured, long and mineral. Recommended.



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Northern Rhone Hermitage and Crozes Hermitage

The most famous appellation in the northern Rhone. Hermitage is situated above the town of Tain and produces small quantities of very long-lived wines. Crozes-Hermitage is situated around the hill of Hermitage and produces a more fruit forward style of wine that can be enjoyed soon after release.

Domaine du Colombier

“Covering roughly 13 hectares in Crozes Hermitage (mostly around the villages of Mercurol and Tain) and just under two hectares in Hermitage, the wines from this domaine see a traditional vinification followed by aging mostly in older demi-muids, with new oak kept to around 20% for most of the cuvees. The wines are classic, textbook examples of their appellations and should not be missed. The fact that they can represent good value is just icing on the cake.” Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Crozes Hermitage Rouge

12

£120 InBond

Elegant and round tannin. Black cherry and a touch of crème de cassis.
A very easy drinking Crozes with will offer great pleasure from release.

Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby Rouge

12

£165 InBond

Rich and very concentrated in harmony with good acidity. Very fresh. More on the elegant side this year. A knockout crozes hermitage and recommended! Drink over the next 5-10 years+.

Limited quantity available

Crozes Hermitage Cuvée Gaby Blanc

12

£170 InBond

100% Marsanne. Meursault like (at a fraction of the price) with a touch of spice. Stunning!

Very limited quantity available

Hermitage Rouge

6

£205 InBond

30% new oak. A very sexy wine almost Burgundian in style. Black currants, black cherry and smoked beef. Round tannins envelope the mouth. Long and fresh finish. Very moreish! Vin de garde and highly recommended.

Very limited quantity available



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Northern Rhone St Peray & Cornas

St Peray is a white wine appellation that is under the radar and let's hope it stays that way! The quality of wine from the top producers can rival those further north in Burgundy without some of the hefty price tags. Cornas from the right producer can be exceptional and we feel that Domain Alain Voge is up there with best.

Domaine Alain Voge

“One of the superstars of Cornas is Domaine Alain Voge. Voge is also a leader in producing serious white wines from the up-and-coming micro-appellation of St.Peray.” Robert Parker *erobertparker.com*

Saint Peray Terres Boisees (white)

12

£200 InBond

Alberic was very proud of his 2013 whites and rightly so. They can be drunk on release but also have the potential for ageing.

1 case available

Saint Peray Fleur de Crussol (white)

12

£240 InBond

Almost Meursault like characteristics. These are his oldest vines.

One case available

Côtes du Rhône Les Peyrouses

12

£106 InBond

In terms of value for money this has to be one of Latimer's favourite wines. This is unlike most Côtes du Rhône in that it is 100 Syrah taken from either young cornas vines or vines bordering the Cornas appellation. Fresh, juicy and ripe fruit – a step above most Côtes du Rhône!

*UK Exclusive
10 cases available*

Cornas Les Chailles

12

£245 InBond

From his 'young' (30 years old) Cornas vines. The long ripening season has produced a very fresh but concentrated 'Les Chailles'. Leave it for a couple of years and drink it over the next few 8 years.

3 cases available

Cornas Vieilles Vignes

12

£380 InBond

A monumental wine and always one of our favourites. Concentrated, fresh, elegant and long. Voge did not make any 'Vieilles Fontaines' this year and therefore all of his old vine production has been put into this cuvee. Alberic told us that this has a huge potential for ageing. Buy it while you can!

9 cases available



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Domaine du Tunnel *a new producer for Latimer*

Stephane Robert of Domaine du Tunnel bowled us over with the quality of his whites. "Proprietor Stephane Robert is knocking it out of the park from his tiny cellar located in Saint Peray." Jeb Dunnuck erobertparker.com

Saint Péray Marsanne

12

£175 InBond

Delicate, fine and mineral. Hint of spice. Long elegant finish.

Extremely limited

Saint Péray Roussanne

12

£215 InBond

Old vines. 20% new oak. Wow! Packed with fruit, notes of lemon, honeysuckle and orange marmalade. Minerality is quite impressive. Long finish.

Extremely limited

Saint Péray Cuvée Prestige Roussanne/Marsanne

12

£215 InBond

80% Marsane and 20% Roussanne. Mineral and fresh. Citrus fruit, white peach and nectarines. Rich and textured but linear too. Superb!

Extremely limited

Saint Peray Pur Blanc

12

£330 InBond

Old vines. A real powerhouse but elegant at the same time. Would be well matched with Asian cuisine. Highly recommended!

Extremely limited



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Southern Rhone Gigondas & Vacqueyras

Gigondas and Vacqueyras are relatively new to the AOC system (1970 and 1990). They are now both recognised as offering exceptional value for money and in some cases give Chateauneuf-du-Pape a run for its money.

Domaine du Cayron

“One of my favorite estates in Gigondas, Domaine du Cayron is run by the three Faraud Sisters, Cendrine, Roseline and Delphine. The estate covers roughly 40 acres, spread throughout the appellation, and they produce a single Gigondas that’s a blend of 70% Grenache, 15% Cinsault, 14% Syrah and a splash of Mourvedre. The style here is staunchly traditional, and their wines always show the gamier, wild side of Gigondas.” *Jeb Dunnuck erobertparker.com*

Gigondas

12

£175 InBond

Rich, voluptuous and very impressive. Licorice, smoked meats and black forest fruit.
This will drink from a young age but equally will age for a further 5-10 years.

Domaine Le Clos de Cazaux

A firm favourite of ours, Clos de Cazaux is run by brothers Jean-Michel and Frederic Vache. The wines are aged in concrete vats to retain the fruit and freshness. Always very enjoyable wines.

Vacqueyras Cuvée des Templiers

12

£110 InBond

90% Syrah and 10% Grenache. This is their northern most plot in Vacqueyras.
A step up from their entry level Vacqueyras. Well balanced and well worth a look.

Gigondas Cuvee de la Tour Sarrasine

12

£120 InBond

A blend of Grenache, Syrah and Mourvedre. Mouth filling, rich and long.
Spiced blackcurrant. Very concentrated.



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Southern Rhone Châteauneuf-du-Pape

As France's first Appellation Controlee Châteauneuf needs little introduction. Grenache dominates here although up to 13 varieties can be used in the blend. With over 3000 ha under vine quality can vary enormously and it is therefore incredibly important to track down growers who are making wines of real quality.

Domaine du Bosquet des Papes

Tasting at Bosquet des Papes was a real pleasure. Nicolas Boiron has crafted some very serious wines in 2013 and they could not be recommended more highly. "In my view, no estate has made more qualitative gains in the past 3-4 years than Bosquet des Papes. I still remember being floored by the quality of their 2010s, and they've almost matched those efforts with these incredible 2012s. In addition, the 2013s are easily some of the top wines in this irregular, difficult vintage. If you're looking for the next superstar producer in Châteauneuf du Pape, here you go!" Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition

12

£210 InBond

"There were two 2013 Châteauneuf cuvees produced, and production was down over 30%. To keep the Grenache component in the blends at normal levels in both the classic Châteauneuf and the Chante le Merle, the Grenache-dominated la Gloire de mon Grand Pere was the sacrificial lamb. The 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape has incredible depth and richness in the vintage, with loads of dark berry, pepper, cassis and licorice aromas and flavors. Coming from equal parts pebble and sandy terroirs and fermented with some whole-cluster, this medium to full-bodied Châteauneuf is easily one of the best base cuvees in the vintage." 91-93/100 Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Châteauneuf du Pape Chante Le Merle Vieilles Vignes

12

£335 InBond

"A candidate for the wine of the vintage, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape Chante le Merle Vieilles Vignes (fermented with 100% whole-cluster and had a 6-7 week maceration) has off-the-hook notes of dark fruits, iron, lavender, licorice and liquid violets to go with a full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, seamless and layered profile on the palate. One of the vintage's greatest wines, this beauty will have 15+ years of longevity." Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*



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Domaine Font de Michelle

This first-rate estate has been run by cousins Guillaume and Bertrand Gonnet since 2006. With an average vine age of 35 years and plots in the famous La Crau vineyard this really is a producer to follow. "Domaine Font de Michelle continues to make some of the most perfumed, silky and alluring Châteauneuf du Papes in the appellation. While they're almost always relatively light in color, they never lack richness, depth or length. In addition, they're always incredibly drinkable and are often the first bottle drained at a dinner party." Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition Blanc

12

£195 InBond

"Giving up plenty of melon, honeyed stone fruits and leafy herbs, the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc is medium-bodied, rounded, juicy and downright quaffable." Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition Rouge

12

£200 InBond

50% down this year. Well balanced, fresh and elegant. Raspberry, strawberry, blackberry and a touch of spice. More on the elegant/feminine side of Chateauneuf. Very open and this will be enjoyable from a young age.

Domaine Bois de Boursan (Versino)

"One of my favorite estates, Domaine Bois de Boursan is run by the talented Jean-Paul Versino. Anyone who wants to find out what a traditional, old school Châteauneuf du Pape tastes like needs to check out these wines." Jeb Dunnuck, *www.erobertparker.com* We are thrilled to now be working with Jean-Paul Versino. Versino is one of the smaller Domaines in Châteauneuf (16 ha) and his wines are not always easy to find! Jean-Paul inherited 27 different parcels from his father and has created one of the most artisanal domaine's in the southern rhone. The winemaking is traditional and yields are kept purposefully low to create wines that are built for the long term but also show finesse and purity of fruit.

Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition

12

£200 InBond

"Jean-Paul Versino's 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape is a little rough around the edges at the moment, but it should come together once bottled. Showing the classic, traditional style of this estate, it has plenty of pepper, game, olive tapenade and garrigue in its medium-bodied, fresh and focused personality. It's not the best wine from this estate, but it does a lot right and should provide solid pleasure over the coming 4-6 years." Jeb Dunnuck *erobertparker.com*

Château de Beaucastel

One of the most iconic wines in the Southern Rhone Beaucastel needs little introduction and comes highly recommended.

Château de Beaucastel Rouge

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£210 InBond

"Looking at the 2013 Châteauneuf du Pape, I was able to taste the individual components, with each showing fantastic depth and richness. The Mourvedre is the star of the show and had blockbuster levels of concentration and depth, with perfectly ripe tannin. While certainly not a Grenache year, even this variety showed well here, and it's obvious that the multiple passes through the vineyard during harvest and then multiple sorts in the winery paid off. This should come together beautifully in bottle and be one of the vintage's strongest efforts. 92-95 points." Jeb Dunnock October 2014 *The Wine Advocate*

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