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2011 | RHÔNE & LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON
**IN-BOND | A VINTAGE OF RIPE SUCCULENT FLAVOURS,
GENEROSITY AND EXQUISITE CHARM**

2011 is the third great Rhône vintage in a row with its own style and character. The wines are generously flavoured, ripe tasting with exceptionally smooth tannins. Cool summer temperatures also played their part as they did in 2010: the wines have sap and, as many growers put it, 'belle fraîcheur'. In the north and south, not forgetting the Languedoc-Roussillon, there is plenty to choose from and at all price levels.

Freakish climate

No one can remember another year like 2011 which both started and ended with a heatwave but with a cold and a wet July in the middle. What looked like an early vintage, earlier even than 2003, ended up quite differently; earlier for sure than 2010 but later than most recent vintages. The extra time on the vine has given the wines wonderful concentration and depth of flavour.

The very early spring (with summer-like temperatures in March) helped ensure both an early and abundant flowering. Wise heads were quick to realise that green harvesting would be essential this year.

The harvest

Tee shirt and shorts were de rigueur for the harvest, which took place under perfect hot and dry conditions with the Mistral wind blowing. Patience was still needed as true ripeness, meaning ripeness of all the tannins, was slow to come. Harvesting some varieties, notably grenache, had its own problems as not all berries on a bunch were equally ripe so hours of extra work were needed to remove unripe, often pink-coloured berries from each bunch.

Northern Rhône

The syrah grape made beautifully balanced wines in 2011. They are sensuous with a lovely core of ripe fruit. The tannins are present but are soft and well rounded. The wines have the sleekness and purity of 2006 maybe, and the roundness of 2000. Hermitage has real depth and majesty, Cornas too. Côte-Rôtie and Crozes are more variable but many top growers made remarkable wines. Saint-Joseph: uniformly gorgeous especially at the southern end.

Southern Rhône

What a vintage! Sometimes surpassing 2010 with wines that have more warmth and more of the soft, sweet and spicy flavours that we crave. The northern band of villages, that includes Vinsobres, Valréas and Uchaux, is outstanding and the wines perfectly balanced, and the same is true for the west-bank villages like Lirac and Laudun. For Richard Maby, 2011 is his top vintage and he was able to make much more of his excellent 'Nessun Dorma' cuvée.

For the central belt of villages that include everything from Cairanne to Gigondas, 2011 is a fine, sometimes brilliant, vintage of very full-bodied wines. It is here that the grenache needed time on the vine to ripen fully. For Gigondas, a region that harvests so much later than the others, 2011 is a very good vintage indeed.

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Mourvèdre

This one grape variety deserves special mention. It likes the heat but needs moisture as well. It thrives close to the sea in Bandol and it adored the conditions presented in 2011. Where mourvèdre plays a significant part in Châteauneuf blends, such as at Beaucastel, Font de Michelle or Clos des Papes, the wines are magnificent.

Languedoc-Roussillon

The mourvèdre grape variety is increasingly used in the Languedoc and here too it produced fabulous wines, such as at Prieuré Saint Jean de Bébian. The more traditional carignan also did well in the Languedoc and old vines of this heat-resistant variety produced great wines as at Ollieux les Romanis in Corbières.

The whites

Picked earlier, the whites benefited hugely from the cold snap of July and early August. The wines are lithe, fine and classy with each variety clearly defined.

Marcel Orford-Williams

Rhône Buyer

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THE WINES

In-bond price, UK delivered, per six and per dozen

2011 NORTHERN RHONE

Brézème, Seyssuel and Vin de Pays

More and more growers are using the Vin de Pays designation for wines from younger vines or from vines that do not conform to appellation rules, and these, like the Côtes-du-Rhône from Brézème, offer great value for money. Seyssuel is a new vineyard, north of Côte-Rôtie and not yet an appellation but in all likelihood will be. The Seul en Scène and the Sotatum are fabulous and Côte-Rôtie like.

	Ref		Six	Dozen
1	RH32251	Brézème, Côtes-du-Rhône Château de la Rolière The tiny vineyard of Brézème still qualifies as northern Rhône though there is something of the south about it. Syrah is grown on gentle, limestone slopes that overlook the river Drôme. The 2011, with 10% aged in barrel is soft, ripe tasting and quite simply gorgeous. The flavour is ripe and sweet-tasting, uncomplicated and not dissimilar to Crozes. 2014–2018.	—	£65
2	RH32261	La Rosine, Collines Rhodaniennes, Domaine Ogier This is one of the little secrets from the northern Rhône. The Ogier family have always owned this unclassified plot on the border between Côte-Rôtie and Condrieu. The slope is very steep and used to be planted with apricot trees. No offence to lovers of apricots but syrah is more rewarding. A sort of mini Côte-Rôtie and great value. 2014–2018.	£60	—
3	RH32271	Seul en Scène, Collines Rhodaniennes, Domaine Villard François Villard is one of many Côte-Rôtie producers to have planted on slopes that had been famous but then abandoned after phylloxera. Geologically very similar to northern Côte-Rôtie and the wines are similar too. This 2011 is very ripe-tasting, rich, concentrated and spicy. 2014–2020.	£120	—
4	RH32281	Sotatum, Collines Rhodaniennes, Vins de Vienne Sotatum was the first Seyssuel of modern times and the vines are now about 15 years old and it shows. This is more backward than the Villard. Dark, brooding and closed yet with a very long and persistent finish. 2016–2022.	£140	—

Crozes-Hermitage

Hit and miss in 2011 but the hits we have chosen are very good. The wines are fragrant, velvety and ripe-tasting.

5	RH32301	Crozes-Hermitage, Les Jalets, Paul Jaboulet Aîné Textbook Crozes. Black, sappy, full of fruit and a sheer joy. 2014–2019.	—	£95
6	RH32291	Crozes-Hermitage, Meysonniers, Chapoutier Deliciously fruity, sappy Crozes, unpretentious and full of charm. 2014–2019.	£50	—

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Ref		Six	Dozen
7	RH33621 Crozes-Hermitage, Nicolas-Perrin The contacts come from Nicolas Jaboulet and the technical wizardry comes from the Perrin family. This is a fabulous Crozes, fruity with depth and finesse. The sources for the grapes are impeccable and include the best names in the appellation. I can say no more! 2014–2019.	£63	—
8	RH32321 Crozes-Hermitage, Albéric Bouvet, Domaine Gilles Robin A modern style of Crozes, sweet, round with some oak and from vines close to Thalabert. Meticulously made, precise and delicious. Good for the medium term. 2014–2019.	£65	—
9	RH32331 Crozes-Hermitage, Cuvée Gaby, Domaine du Colombier This is the top cuveé of Crozes from a family of fruit farmers with vines in both Crozes and Hermitage. Quality of fruit means everything here and this is a lovely, full-flavoured syrah, plump and quite dense. A bit like 2000 says beanpole-like Florent Viale. 2014–2019.	£73	—
10	RH32311 Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine des Grands Chemins, Delas This is syrah coming from vines owned by the estate, all from the area know as Les Chassis. Most is raised in tank with 30% in barrel. Plenty of texture and heaps of gorgeous ripe fruit. 2015–2020.	£75	—
11	RH32201 Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Christophe, Domaine des Remizières Barrel-raised syrah showing great depth and concentration. Some class too and impressive in 2011. 2015–2020.	£80	—
12	RH32341 Crozes-Hermitage, Domaine de Thalabert, Paul Jaboulet Aîné * Full-flavoured, compact syrah with a good deal of concentration and flavour. Still quite marked by oak which will need a while to be fully integrated. The finish is wonderful and shows real class. 2015–2025. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£98	—
Saint-Joseph			
Some 26 villages, mostly tucked in beneath the granite escarpment that marks the right bank of the Rhône make up Saint-Joseph. Vines are mostly planted on very steep slopes and offer a wonderful expression of hand-crafted syrah. Gonon, Villard, Chave and Coursodon all made lovely 2011s.			
13	RH32351 Saint-Joseph, Offerus, Selection Jean-Louis Chave * Jean-Louis Chave bought the Clos Florentin estate a couple of years ago and it is this, including the famous Clos de l'Arbaletrier, which constitutes the main part of this wine. The 2011 has charm, finesse and depth of flavour. 2014–2021.	£65	—
14	RH32361 Saint-Joseph, Clos de Cuminaille, Domaine Gaillard Pierre Gaillard used to work for Guigal as a vineyard manager, an experience which was obviously essential considering Pierre's present position with vineyards as far away as Banyuls. The core of the range though is here in the Northern Rhône and one of his signature wines is the Clos de Cuminaille. Polished and secure northern Rhône syrah with a lot of charm and very well-handled oak. 2015–2020.	£75	—
15	RH32371 Saint-Joseph, Lieu Dit Paradis, Ferraton This is syrah planted above Mauves on complex soils that include a covering of loess. More up-front fruit here, plenty of richness and flavours of blackcurrant and slate. Good for drinking young. 2014–2021.	£75	—
16	RH32381 Saint-Joseph, Les Olivaies, Domaine Coursodon Domaine Coursodon is a good source of Saint-Joseph in a modern style. Thick and dark. Wonderful rich fruit, almost fruitcake-like and great length. 2014–2018.	£90	—
17	RH32391 Saint-Joseph, Les Royes, Domaine Courbis Unusual for Saint Joseph as this vineyard is on limestone set on very steep terraces and facing fully south. The limestone makes for fine softer style of syrah. Good use of oak gives this some polish. Good modern approach for drinking young. 2014–2019.	£90	—
18	RH32411 Saint-Joseph, Domaine Gripa A delicious, bright, full-flavoured Saint-Joseph, dark, spicy and made by a top winemaker who places the emphasis on fruit and freshness. Perfect for early drinking. 2014–2018.	£95	—
19	RH32421 Saint-Joseph, Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph, Ferraton Ferraton, under Chapoutier management, produces wines from single vineyards in the best years. This comes from the heart of Saint-Joseph. Lots of densely packed fruit here, with richness and great depth of flavour. 2015–2020.	£95	—



Jérôme Coursodon made a thick and dark Saint-Joseph



Jean Gonon of Domaine Gonon where Saint-Joseph reaches greatness

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Ref		Six	Dozen
20	RH32431 Saint-Joseph, Domaine Gonon Brothers Pierre and Jean Gonon are leading growers in Saint-Joseph with cellars just down the road from Chave. They are making some of the best wines in Saint-Joseph and in a style that is easy, unforced and utterly gorgeous. 2014–2021.	£98	—
21	RH32441 Saint-Joseph, Domaine Bernard Faurie Bernard Faurie is better known for his Hermitage but he also owns a few vines on the other side of the Rhône where he makes a stylish and forward-drinking Saint-Joseph. The 2011 is fruity and well balanced. 2014–2018.	£105	—
22	RH32451 Saint-Joseph, Les Reflets, Domaine Villard François Villard has always been best known for his whites but his reds are definitely worth looking at too. This Saint-Joseph is outstanding with real class and complexity. The 2011 was very successful. Lovely balance and sweet, ripe flavours. 2015–2020.	£120	—
23	RH31801 Saint-Joseph, Granits, Chapoutier Chapoutier's vines in Saint-Joseph are at the heart of the historic appellation between Tournon and Mauves. From old vines, the 2011 has real depth of flavour and fine gravelly fruit. 2015–2021.	£138	—
24	RH31781 Saint-Joseph, Les Clos, Chapoutier From a tiny vineyard, less than a couple of acres, steep and on granite, this is exquisitely fine, succulent with great length. 2016–2023.	£260	—

Cornas

Cornas, a few miles south of Hermitage, basks under a distinctly warmer sun. The flora hidden away among the outcrops of granite is distinctly Mediterranean and the wines are appropriately stronger and thicker. An extensive range here as some of these wines are in short supply.

25	RH32461 Cornas, Domaine Durand Two brothers farm good plots in the best parts of Cornas and work to make an approachable style of wine without any rusticity. Exquisite, complex, slatey and long. Good value too. 2015–2021.	£95	—
26	RH32471 Cornas, Champelrose, Domaine Courbis Good-value, stylish interpretation of Cornas where skilful use of oak has rounded off some of the edges. 2011 was a good vintage in Cornas but this has benefited from the inclusion of older vines especially from their top vineyard Les Eygats. 2015–2021.	£95	—

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27	RH32481 Cornas, Domaine Alain Verset Alain is the nephew of the great Noël and he took on part of his uncle's vineyard. Like many growers here, he has a day job which in his case is at a truck assembly plant. His wine is delicious, deceptively soft, uncomplicated and satisfying. It just needs a decent steak and say a gratin dauphinois. 2015–2021.	£98	—
28	RH32501 Cornas, Grandes Terrasses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné This is one of the star buys at Jaboulet in the 2011 vintage. Brilliant from start to finish and recalling some of the great vintages of the past. 2016–2024.	£103	—
29	RH32491 Cornas, Patou, Domaine Dumien Serrette Gilbert Dumien's mother used to run the Epicerie in the village so the family is well known. The cellars, seemingly below the church are as one would expect: earthen floors and a couple of rooms with parallel rows of barrels. Tidy and clean. And so are the wines which have been very consistent over the years. The 2011 has sweet, ripe fruit, a touch of blackcurrant now which will become more complex with age. 2016–2026.	£110	—
30	RH32511 Cornas, Les Eygats, Ferraton From a vineyard that always leaves its mark on the wine in the form of grip and length. Lots of flavour in this 2011, refreshing and very long. Excellent Cornas. 2016–2021.	£125	—
31	RH32521 Cornas, Domaine du Tunnel Stéphanne Robert has acquired old vines in Cornas and this charming and talented grower, who has a pinball machine in his shop, is making Cornas with depth and personality and without rusticity. 2015–2021.	£135	—
32	RH32561 Cornas, La Geynale, Domaine Vincent Paris I thought Vincent Paris was on form in this vintage and his Geynale, from vines he inherited from his uncle Robert Michel, was quite splendid. Chocolatey, fat and richly flavoured. 2016–2020.	£145	—
33	RH32531 Cornas, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voge Alain Voge owns some of the best plots in Cornas with his excellent partner Albéric Mazoyer. Thick olive paste and blackberry, rich and multi-layered. Great Cornas. 2016–2024.	£165	—
34	RH32541 Cornas, Sabarotte, Domaine Courbis Sabarotte is southern Cornas, on granite and fully south facing. Very hot when the sun is out and the grapes have just that extra degree of ripeness. Thick, rich and quite glorious in 2011. 2016–2025.	£188	—
35	RH32551 Cornas, Domaine Saint Pierre, Paul Jaboulet Aîné Saint Pierre, all the way at the top of the hill, is the last to be picked and in 2011 the vines here benefited from the extra hang time. Multi-dimensional, spicy and very long. 2017–2027. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£205	—



Alain Verset made a delicious, deceptively soft Cornas in 2011



Laurent Courbis' Saint-Joseph has a fine softer style of syrah

Ref		Six	Dozen
36	RH32151 Cornas, Chaillots, Domaine Thierry Allemand Rather like 2004 says Thierry Allemand which for him was a very fine vintage. Chaillots is made from his 'young' vines which actually means about 40-years-old. Poise and finesse with some richness (more than in his 2004s). 2016–2025.	£235	—
37	RH32161 Cornas, Les Reynards, Domaine Thierry Allemand Some of the syrah here goes back to 1900; this is seriously vieilles vignes, black and brooding. A wonderful 2011 that will need keeping. 2017–2029.	£298	—
Côte-Rôtie			
This is the northernmost appellation in the Rhône and is closest to Burgundy, both geographically and in style. Here delicacy and finesse count for more than sheer power. Grace and charm are the hallmarks in 2011.			
38	RH32671 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Niéro * Robert Niéro makes a soft and very appealing style of Côte-Rôtie from vines that are mostly at the southern end of the appellation. Very stylish and sleek. 2015–2020.	£125	—
39	RH32571 Côte-Rôtie, Triotes, Domaine Garon * This estate now makes a cuvée from young vines, a real bonus as it means that their main wine, Triotes, has more flavour and concentration. This has sweetness and charm and a touch of vanilla. 2014–2022.	£130	—
40	RH32581 Côte-Rôtie, Château de Montlys * This comes from the northern-most part of Côte-Rôtie and on land that had been half abandoned since phylloxera. Christophe Semaska, of Baltic origin, is the vigneron and makes delightful, fragrant, sensuous wine. The 2011 is lovely and will be fine for drinking young. 2014–2020.	£130	—
41	RH32681 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Burgaud * Delicacy doesn't quite make a description of Burgaud's wines. They are generously framed, full-flavoured wines that respond well to ageing in bottle. The 2011 is very attractive, chunky and long. 2015–2024.	£130	—
42	RH32691 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Gaillard Pierre Gaillard likes to include viognier in his reds which gives added fragrance and helps make a very round, polished wine for early to mid-term drinking. The 2011 has an enticingly beautiful scent of violets. 2015–2020.	£138	—
43	RH32701 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Clusel-Roch This is mostly northern Côte-Rôtie and so has more colour. The 2011, more forward than the 2010, has a velvet-like texture and much finesse. 2015–2021.	£143	—
44	RH32711 Côte-Rôtie, La Germaine, Duclaux * This is a well-established property with vines down in the south of Côte-Rôtie. The style is lighter, more Blonde like and readier sooner. Great delicacy here and a Burgundian approach to Côte-Rôtie. 2014–2022.	£148	—
45	RH32721 Côte-Rôtie, Nicolas-Perrin * This is a partnership between Nicolas Jaboulet and Perrin Frères which is producing a range of wines where elegance is to the fore. The 2011 is southern in style, therefore a little paler and rounder. As in 2010 there is a barrel of Grande Place for depth and structure. Burgundian finesse here. 2014–2021.	£148	—
46	RH32211 Côte-Rôtie, Cordeloux, Domaine Bénétières Quite literally a vin de garage as Pierre Bénétières operates from a ramshackle shed in Condrieu. The wines however have elegance, individuality and class. Members who remember the wines of Gentaz would like this. 2016–2024.	£150	—
47	RH32221 Côte-Rôtie, Côte Brune, Domaine Barge Gilles Barge made three wines in 2011 and they are all lovely. The Brune though has the edge with much intensity, colour and depth. Outstanding. 2015–2023.	£155	—
48	RH32751 Côte-Rôtie, Galets Blond, Domaine Villard François Villard is making better and better reds, extracting less and making wines that are rounder and more appealing. This was a highlight of my day's tasting at Côte-Rôtie. 2016–2021.	£165	—



Cornas hills – the 2011s have great depth and concentration



Bernard Burgaud makes just the one wine from his vines Côte-Rôtie and the 2011 is full of character and promise

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Ref		Six	Dozen
49	RH32731 Côte-Rôtie, Bécasses, Chapoutier A Côte-Rôtie of bewitching charm, wonderfully fragrant and sensuous. 2015–2021.	£175	—
50	RH32771 Côte-Rôtie, Ampodium, Domaine Rostaing It is fashionable to give names and René Rostaing has picked the Roman for Ampuis for what he sometimes used to refer as his classique cuvée. The 2011 is fruity with the accent on blackcurrant with a little spice. Very attractive and will be ready to drink quite young. 2014–2021.	£178	—
51	RH32761 Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Ogier For those who like a more modern approach to syrah with exemplary use of new oak. This is full, dark but very elegant too. A lovely 2011 with finesse, charm and length in a quite oaky style which dissipates with ageing. 2015–2022.	£185	—
52	RH32781 Côte-Rôtie, La Landonne, Domaine Rostaing Bags of flavour. Sumptuous. 2016–2025.	£348	—
53	RH32791 Côte-Rôtie, Côte Blonde, Domaine Rostaing This seemed tighter and more closed than Landonne with more matter still. 2017–2027.	£360	—

Hermitage

The south-facing hill of Hermitage produced majestic wines in 2011. The major négoce houses are the ones with the capital to invest in this unique vineyard and all have produced top wines in 2011. Domaine Jean-Louis Chave will be released later.

54	RH32801 Hermitage, Domaine de la Tourette The wines of Delas have jumped in quality. The 2010s were outstanding and the 2011s are also very good. Brilliant Hermitage, dense, complex and long. Pretty well complete. 2016–2024.	£180	—
55	RH32191 Hermitage, Cuvée Emilie, Domaine des Remizières Dark and spicy Hermitage with oak very dominant for the moment. The '98 is wonderful now and the 2011 will also age well. 2017–2026.	£198	—
56	RH32821 Hermitage, Domaine Bernard Faurie From what seems like a garage beneath a rather unprepossessing town house on the outskirts of Tournon come minute quantities of outstanding Hermitage. Bernard's vines are in Bessards, Méal and Greffieux and for The Wine Society, he makes a blend of all three. Sinewy Hermitage, very fine and thickly textured. Sumptuous! 2016–2028.	£210	—
57	RH32811 Hermitage, Monier de Sizeranne, Chapoutier Very closed when tasted in October, but very fine texture with lots of sweetness from fully ripe syrah. The finish is superb. 2015–2025.	£238	—

Ref		Six	Dozen
58	RH32831 Hermitage, La Petite Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné Caroline Frey says of this cuvée that it should be as good as Chapelle was in the past. There is Roucoules and the Bas du Méal in the blend. Refined, creamy texture with a touch of raspberry and lovely length. 2015–2023.	£238	—
59	RH31791 Ermitage Greffieux, Chapoutier Greffieux is at the foot of Hermitage and produces wines that are quite full with rounded tanins. I haven't always rated this cuvée but the 2011 is exquisite. 2018–2030.	£350	—
60	RH32841 Hermitage La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné Densely packed Chapelle with a big, muscular structure, lots of fat and great complexity 2020–2031. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£625	—
61	RH31821 Ermitage, l'Ermite Chapoutier L'Ermite is at the top of Hermitage and surrounds the famous chapel. The vines for this cuvée were planted before the war and produce an Hermitage with exceptionally fine tannins. Lovely mineraly 2011 showing real class. 2018–2032.	£875	—

2011 SOUTHERN RHÔNE

2011 is a lovely source for generously flavoured, full-bodied Rhônes. Cairanne, Rasteau and Gigondas made the fullest, while Vinsobres and Lirac are more elegant. This was the year for the mourvèdre grape and there are plenty of mourvèdre-dominant wines in this selection.

The right bank including Lirac, Saint-Gervais and Laudun

These are generous wines but with a sense of style, finesse, sometimes close to Châteauneuf but at a fraction of the price.

62	RH32851 Laudun, Château Courac * Courac is a large estate with a husband and wife team, both oenologists with a link to Sicily. The wines are impeccably well made and invariably among the best we buy for the price. The <i>villages</i> Laudun is their best red which has a good deal of syrah, no oak but oodles of fine, juicy fruit. 2014–2021.	—	£52
63	RH32861 Lirac, Château Mont-Redon * For years, Lirac has been undervalued but the word is out and prices are beginning to edge up. There is huge potential in Lirac as some of the terroir is very similar to Châteauneuf. Mont-Redon makes theirs into a mini Châteauneuf, very polished, spicy with some complexity. The 2011 is lovely too, maybe slightly rounder than the very successful 2010. 2014–2020.	—	£78



Claire Darnaud: a new voice at Delas who has brought a sense of passion to their wines



Caroline Frey: mistress of both Hermitage and the Médoc. A wonderful set of 2011s from both northern and southern Rhône

Ref		Six	Dozen
64	RH32871 Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Notre Dame des Celettes, Domaine Sainte Anne Domaine Sainte Anne is one of the remarkable estates in the southern Rhône. The Stenmaier's, originally from Burgundy, were pioneers, introducing both syrah and mourvèdre to the area. Both grapes are used here though the majority is grenache. Full flavoured and rich. This will need a little more time in bottle. 2015–2019.	—	£82
65	RH32881 Saint-Gervais, Domaine Sainte Anne The quality of the mourvèdre grape this year was exceptional and there is 70% of it here. Rich, spicy and luscious. Great wine and great value for money. 2015–2022.	£49	—
66	RH32891 Lirac, Nessun Dorma, Domaine Maby* Made from nearly 50% very ripe mourvèdre without a single note of Puccini. Richard Maby is striving to make his the leading estate in Lirac. The quality of the vintage in 2011 was such that he was able to make far more of this wine than in 2010. Sumptuous, extravagantly rich. 2014–2023.	£55	—
67	RH32901 Saint-Gervais, Les Mourillons, Domaine Sainte Anne 100% syrah and sensational in 2011. Very ripe and multi-layered, edging towards a shiraz in some ways but firmer structured and without evidence of oak. Gorgeous. 2015–2024.	£55	—

Baux de Provence

Originality and exquisite finesse from Provence.

68	RH33571 Domaine de Trévallon, Bouches du Rhône  Only a few miles from Lirac but across the Rhône and in a very different world. And even then, Eloi Dürrbach stands alone from other estates in les Baux maintaining the style of wine that made Trévallon world famous. This is a cabernet-syrah blend, 50:50, grown on north-facing slopes. The 2011 is like claret of yesteryear, barely 12% abv, very elegant, a little spicy and very long. Like all vintages of Trévallon, a wine for holding back for a few years. 2014–2023. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£125	—
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The northern hills: Uchaux, Valréas and Vinsobres

Everything here was right in 2011. A wonderful vintage.

69	RH32911 Côtes-du-Rhône, Réserve Wine Society, Perrin et Fils* This is exclusive to The Wine Society and is the result of tasting many Côtes-du-Rhône at Beaucastel. As in 2010 it is the element of mourvèdre which sets this apart from so many others. Gorgeous. 2014–2019.	—	£40
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Hermitage La Chapelle



Richard Maby: making great wines in Lirac

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Ref		Six	Dozen
70	RH32921 Vinsobres, Altitude 420, Domaine Jaume * The Jaumes offer two contrasting wines from Vinsobres. Altitude, as the name suggests, comes from vines further up the slope and has a fresher feel about it. No oak just lots of lovely fruit that can be approached a little earlier. 2015–2023.	—	£60
71	RH32941 Valréas, Domaine Val des Rois Outstanding village Côtes-du-Rhône: 70:30 grenache and syrah split with no oak. Just an abundance of wonderful ripe fruit. 2014–2021.	—	£68
72	RH32951 Côtes-du-Rhône, Mon Coeur, Chave Sélection * Jean-Louis Chave, King of Hermitage enjoys his other job: making delicious wines for the family to drink every day. This is what is behind Mon Coeur, a blend from well known estates, all very willing to sell the odd vat of Côtes-du-Rhône. The Chave genius comes in the élevage in barrel and of course the blending. The 2011 has finesse, even delicacy, dark colours and certain complexity. 2014–2020.	—	£68
73	RH32931 Massif d'Uchaux, Grande Réserve, Château Saint Estève During the summer, this elegant estate hosts a Liszt inspired piano festival. Otherwise Saint Estève is an important wine estate making some of the loveliest wines around. 2011 here is wonderful. 2014–2020.	—	£70
74	RH32961 Vinsobres, Reference, Domaine Jaume *  This on the other hand comes from the middle of the slope so it is riper and fuller and also includes some of the Jaume's best vines of mourvèdre. The blend is 60:30:10, syrah, grenache and mourvèdre, all aged in barrel. The 2011 combines power and elegance. Stunning. 2016–2025. <i>Magnums available.</i>	—	£75
75	RH32971 Vinsobres, Les Hauts de Julien, Perrin Frères The Perrins are major landowners in Vinsobres and use the wines in many of their blends. This is their top wine from Vinsobres, 50:50 syrah and grenache, picked and fermented together and then raised in barrel. Wonderful and rich in 2011. 2015–2023.	£103	—

The central hills: Cairanne, Rasteau, Roaix and Plan de Dieu

Big and generous wines in 2011. The grenache was picked very ripe and the wines are very full bodied.

76	RH32981 Cairanne, Domaine de l'Ameillaud This is a lovely full-flavoured southern Rhône made from a majority of ripe grenache with a little syrah and carignan. Spicy and full with bags of fruit. For early drinking. 2014–2018.	—	£55
77	RH32991 Cairanne, Le Bonneau, Domaine Delubac * Two larger than life brothers make the wine here and the wines match them precisely. Big, generous, full-bodied with lovely plummy fruit. At the heart though there is very well-managed vineyard. 2014–2020.	—	£59



Louis Barruol of Saint-Cosme, master of Gigondas

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Ref		Six	Dozen
78	RH33001		
	Cairanne, Peyre Blanche, Perrin Frères * The Perrins have recently bought property in Cairanne, all farmed organically. This is 75% grenache and 25% syrah. Lovely, silky textures in 2011 with good length. Good value too. 2014–2020.	—	£65
79	RH32081		
	Roaix, Domaine Pique-Basse, l'as du Pique We bought this for the first time last year and the 2011 from 80% very ripe grenache is equally splendid. Very full-bodied and powerful. 2014–2019.	£38	—
80	RH33021		
	Cairanne, Ventabren, Domaine des Escaravailles Escaravailles wines are always marked by opulent fruit and very round tannins. The Cairanne is plush and velvety. 2014–2018.	—	£79
81	RH33011		
	Côtes-du-Rhône, Les Deux Albions, Saint-Cosme Louis Barruol plays to the strengths of several well known Rhône villages including Cairanne and Vinsobres. Nearly half the blend is syrah with grenache, cinsault and even a little clairette in support. No oak. The 2011 tastes full bodied, ripe and fruity. 2014–2019.	—	£89
82	RH33041		
	Rasteau, La Ponce, Domaine des Escaravailles * Made from 80% grenache and 20% syrah, 15% abv, this is a fabulously rich and full-bodied wintry red: a concoction of ripe raspberry, wild herbs, raisins and spice. 2014–2022.	—	£89
83	RH33031		
	Rasteau, Château du Trignon A grenache-mourvèdre blend from this important property now owned by Jérôme Quiot. A good choice for members liking their Rhônes well spiced. 2015–2020.	—	£90
84	RH33051		
	Plan de Dieu, Domaine de Père en Fille, Paul Jaboulet Aîné The Plan de Dieu is the continuation of Cairanne and Rasteau and is seen as a perfect place for growing grenache and mourvèdre. Fabulous colour in 2011, rich, fruity with both concentration and finesse. 2014–2020.	—	£102
The eastern fringes: Gigondas, Vacqueyras, Beaumes de Venise, Séguret, Sablet and Ventoux			
Again, generous and heart-warming wines where some tanks took a year to finish fermenting. Gigondas is outstanding here.			
85	RH33061		
	Séguret, Tradition, Domaine de Mourchon Séguret vines occupy similar mountain slopes to Gigondas. Here too grenache is king; ripe in 2011, very full-bodied and benefiting from the addition of the very old vines. 2014–2019.	—	£72
86	RH33071		
	Sablet, Château du Trignon Lovely balance here with a flavour of wild herbs, dark fruit and spice. As the name suggests, Sablet is on sand and the light soils make for wines that are round, supple and approachable when young. The blend is 80:20 grenache and mourvèdre. 2014–2019.	—	£79
87	RH33101		
	Beaumes de Venise, Le Paradou, Paul Jaboulet Aîné * Red Beaumes de Venise is Gigondas-like in style, dominated by grenache and always generous and warm hearted. The 2011 is 92% grenache with just a touch of syrah and has big galumphing fruit. 2014–2019.	—	£79
88	RH33081		
	Ventoux, Epicure Château Valcombe The Ventoux with its cooling breezes is in the news these days and for all the right reasons. This property is on the move with new owners converting to organic farming and making wines with real sex appeal. A lot of work in the vineyard paid off; the 2011 has concentration, richness and elegance. The blend is 60% grenache, 25% carignan and 15% syrah, all raised in tank. Great value. 2014–2020.	—	£82
89	RH33091		
	Vacqueyras Saint Roch, Clos des Cazaux * Two thirds grenache and one third syrah, picked late for optimum ripeness, no oak so just loads of delicious fruit and real charm. The 2011, which took a year to ferment, is full-bodied and thickly textured. 2014–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	—	£85
90	RH33121		
	Vacqueyras, Les Cyprès, Paul Jaboulet Aîné This was one of the high points at the Jaboulet tasting: a lovely Vacqueyras, floral, delicate and very fine as Vacqueyras should be. 70% grenache, 20% syrah and the rest made up of cinsault, mourvèdre and carignan. 2015–2020.	—	£85
91	RH33111		
	Vacqueyras, Les Templiers, Clos des Cazaux Brilliant well-focused syrah from the southern Rhône. Riper and fuller in style than a syrah from the north. Blackcurrant, blackberry and a touch of tapenade. No oak. 2015–2020.	—	£92

Ref		Six	Dozen
92 M	RH33131 Gigondas La Tour Sarazine, Clos des Cazaux * 2011 was a seriously good vintage in Gigondas and it shows here in this very complete, succulent example. Will need a little time. 2015–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£53	—
93	RH33141 Gigondas, Domaine du Cayron * Girl power here with three sisters in charge of this small estate with its very traditional views on winemaking. The Faraud family owns lots of plots all over Gigondas which brings complexity. Long ageing in large foudres gives their Gigondas a lovely glowing patina and The Society is able to pick its own cask. 2015–2023.	£75	—
94	RH32121 Gigondas, Les Racines, Domaine Les Pallières * Pallières produces two wines in different styles. Racines comes from older vines and has the most substance. Concentrated with lots of matter, great depth of flavour and a long finish. 2016–2022.	£83	—
95	RH33151 Gigondas, Château Saint-Cosme Louis Barruol says that 2011 is a brilliant vintage for the late-ripening Gigondas. His is one of the best with a fine middle palate and lingering finish. 2015–2023.	£85	—
96	RH33161 Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette, Ventabren * A formidable Gigondas from old vines with 85% grenache and a little syrah and cinsault. Majestic. 2016–2022.	£98	—
97	RH33641 Gigondas, Le Claux, St Cosme From a plot of 110-year-old-grenache, this is very dark, very concentrated and thickly-textured yet also very fine with the potential to grow old gracefully over many years, becoming Burgundian with age. 2016–2023.	£190	—
Châteauneuf-du-Pape and the like			
A good vintage that favoured the mourvèdre grape. There is some real class here; Daniel Brunier compares his Châteauneuf to 1985.			
98	RH33171 Côtes-du-Rhône Villages, Terre d'Argile, Domaine de la Janasse * Grenache-based but with carignan, syrah and mourvèdre in support from vines grown close to the boundary with Châteauneuf, this is Châteauneuf-like with the richness, generosity and finesse but for half the price. Gorgeous in 2011. 2015–2020.	£55	—
99	RH33181 Côtes-du-Rhône, Coudoulet de Beaucastel * This historic vineyard falls outside the Châteauneuf boundary, but the style is Châteauneuf-like with its emphasis on grenache and mourvèdre. Fabulous and richly fruity in 2011. 2014–2022.	£60	—
100	RH33221 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine La Boutinière Frédéric Boutin used to sell in bulk to the trade where his old vines were much appreciated. Only one wine was made in 2011 so all the old vines are used here. A full-bodied, succulent Châteauneuf and not over priced. 2014–2022.	£68	—
101	RH33231 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle * In 2011, there is just the one cuvée which means all the old vines, including the 100-year-old grenache, are all here. Full-bodied, generous and rich with lovely soft, seductive tannins. 2015–2023.	£90	—
102	RH33201 Côtes-du-Rhône Réserve, Clos du Caillou Made from grenache and mourvèdre grown on sands within a stone's throw of Rayas. Sumptuous and immensely rich and Châteauneuf in spirit. Wonderfully hedonistic in 2011. 2014–2019.	£80	—
103	RH33211 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Mont-Redon * The sunny vintage of 2011 produced a fine, ripe-tasting Mont-Redon that has length, fat and some real class. 2015–2021.	£84	—
104	RH33241 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Bosquet des Papes * Fabulous Châteauneuf from Nicolas Boiron. This remains one of the best Châteauneufs around and is in the very traditional style. Generous, full-bodied and spicy. 2015–2023.	£90	—
105	RH33251 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, La Crau de Ma Mère, Mayard The Mayard family, a brother and two sisters, run an important estate in Châteauneuf but find time to enter marathons in New York and Paris. The blend is marked by the 20% mourvèdre which made great wines in 2011. Spicy, full flavoured and very rich. 2015–2023.	£98	—

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Ref		Six	Dozen
106 RH33261	Côtes-du-Rhône, Les Garrigues, Domaine de la Janasse Fabulously rich and powerful grenache grown on a north-facing slope just outside the Châteauneuf boundary. Forget that it's only Côtes-du-Rhône; this is better than a lot of Châteauneufs. Big raisiny fruit in 2011. 2015–2023.	£100	—
107 RH33271	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Tradition, Domaine Giraud Brother and sister team, Pierre and Marie Giraud, are making big and characterful wines where the accent is on bold fruit flavours and full ripeness. The 2011 is rich, heady, thickly textured and quite lovely. 2015–2021.	£110	—
108 RH33281	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Chante Le Merle, Bosquet des Papes * This is 87% grenache with a little syrah and 5% mourvèdre and made from whole bunches, stalks and all as everyone used to do. Very generous and hearty. 2016–2024.	£150	—
109 RH32141 M	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe * Daniel Brunier thinks that his 2011 Vieux Télégraphe will be similar to 1985. For now the 2011 is very complex with a big tannic structure. 2018–2027. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£165	—
110 RH33291	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Cuvée Chaupin, Domaine de la Janasse * Made from nearly 100% grenache mostly from north-facing slopes, raised in barrels of different sizes, the 2011 is one of the wines of the vintage, silky, very rich and smooth. 2016–2028.	£198	—
111 RH33311	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos des Papes * I tasted all the elements that make Clos des Papes. All were wonderful but the best was the blend with its high percentage of mourvèdre which was the grape of 2011. This is a lovely Châteauneuf worthy to sit in the company of great vintages such as 2000. 2017–2028.	£228	—
112 RH33301	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel * A lovely Beaucastel, ripe-tasting, round and splendidly rich thanks to the quality of both the grenache and mourvèdre grapes. 2017–2030.	£238	—
113 RH33321	Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Réserve Clos du Caillou Like the Côtes-du-Rhône, this is made from grenache and mourvèdre but it is on a grander scale. As powerful as it is though, it remains very fine and focussed. 2015–2025.	£320	—

Languedoc Reds

Lovely vintage for the great estates. Sumptuous Bébien and Ollieux Romanis in Corbières. Better cabernet-based wines than many in Bordeaux.

114 FC23801	Cabernet de l'Arjolle The Teisserenc family has two real assets. Firstly mature stock of cabernet vines and secondly a mastery of barrel ageing. The 2011 is very fine, similar to the 2007 which made the Exhibition Cabernet a few years ago. 2014–2019.	—	£70
115 FC23821 M	Domaine de Perdiguier, Cuvée en Auger, Vin de Pays des Coteaux d'Ensérune * The 2011 is less Languedoc in style and more claret like. No new oak was used as the very fine tannic structure didn't warrant it. Graceful, refined with a touch of pepper. 2014–2020. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£51	—
116 FC23831	Corbières, Château d'Aussières This is Lafite in Corbières, with a state-of-the-art cellar on an important estate owned by Baron Eric de Rothschild. Syrah is the principal grape variety grown here and the results have been fantastic. The 2011, more forward than 2010, is full-flavoured, beautifully well crafted and long. 2015–2021.	£58	—
117 FC23811	Montpeyroux, Coteaux du Languedoc, La Jasse, Domaine la Jasse-Castel Pascale Riviere is a dedicated vigneronne who has just been awarded the Legion d'Honneur. She works very much on her own, farming a few acres on a particularly windswept plateau above the pretty village of Montpeyroux. La Jasse is a gorgeous syrah with around 10% of very full-bodied grenache. Lovely lithe 2011. 2014–2019.	£60	—
118 FC23841	Pic Saint Loup, T'em T'em, Château de Valflaunes This estate is small enough to have escaped the attention of many but actually Fabien Reboul is making some of the loveliest and most expressive wines in this large and often over-hyped appellation. Syrah is the main grape here. The 2011 is thickly textured, spicy and rich with some sinew. 2015–2022.	£61	—

Ref		Six	Dozen
119 FC23851	Corbières-Boutenac, Atal Sia, Château Ollieux-Romanis Pierre Borie is making stunning wines and like last year we are offering two contrasting blends, both carignan dominated. Atal Sia sees no oak and so needs more time in bottle. Especially so in 2011 which is a great vintage here. Very dark with flashes of blackberry, damson and liquorice. 2015–2024.	£65	—
120 FC23861	Corbières Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis * The blend is similar to the Atal Sia but the élevage is different as here the wine is raised in barrel. Outstanding in 2011, rich, succulent and sweet flavoured. Ready before the more backward Atal Sia. 2014–2024.	£72	—
121 FC23871	Faugères, Bastides, Domaine Alquier * One of the great wines of the Languedoc, 75% syrah and 25% grenache with lots of old vines and very competent ageing in barrel. The 2011 will be ready before the 2010 and will give a lot of pleasure. The ripeness of the Mediterranean but with a nod to Côte-Rôtie and even Burgundy in its finesse. 2014–2025.	£73	—
122 FC23881	Côteaux du Languedoc, Prieuré Saint Jean de Bébian * For the moment, this famous Languedoc estate is exclusive to The Society. It is located just outside the town of Pézenas on rock that includes basalt as well as the more usual clay and limestone. The blend is 40% syrah and then equal amounts of grenache and the all important mourvèdre. The 2011 is very fine, long and richly flavoured. Châteauneuf in style. 2015–2025.	£75	—
123 FC23421	M Mas de Daumas Gassac * Daumas Gassac was the first recognised great Languedoc estate of the modern era. Others have emerged, often making wines that are high in alcohol and over powering. Daumas Gassac has remained true to itself, understated, delicate and like a fine claret always in need of a few years before it even begins to open. The 2011 is exquisite. 2017–2027. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£95	—
Roussillon Reds			
Late-harvested grenache and carignan on steep slopes overlooking the sea made gorgeous sweet vins doux naturels in Banyuls.			
124 FC23911	Collioure, Majenca, Domaine Madeloc Owned by the Gaillard family of Côte-Rôtie, Madeloc wines are generous, full-bodied and well rounded. This is a blend of grenache and carignan. Very ripe-tasting, even luscious. 2014–2020.	£60	—
125 FC23891	Banyuls, Léon Parcé, Domaine de la Rectorie (50cl) Outstanding, early bottled Banyuls from old vines, fabulously rich, concentrated and fruity. This comes from their best plots of old grenache and is made for ageing. 2014–2025.	£65	—
126 FC23901	Banyuls, Rimage, Domaine du Mas Blanc Vintage style Banyuls that is being bottled about now, full-flavoured, spicy and rich. Jean Michel Parcé's Banyuls always have a lingering taste of cinnamon or cloves. This will grow in complexity with age. 2014–2025.	£75	—
127 FC23921	Le Soula, Vin de Pays des Côtes Catalanes The heart of the red Soula is carignan which worked very well in 2011 and blended well with the syrah. Flavoury, refreshing mountain wine with a touch of spice. 2014–2019.	£83	—
128 FC23931	Collioure, Côté Montagne, Domaine de la Rectorie * Wonderful flavoured red made from equal quantities of grenache, carignan and counoise planted high up and away from the sea where the microclimate is noticeably drier. Lots of fruit held within a frame of ripe tannins. Spicy and rich. 2015–2021.	£85	—
129 FC23941	Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Gauby Gérard Gauby has made his wines evolve over the years from inky high-octane brews to wines of almost ethereal beauty. At the heart is carignan, the soul of the Midi, but then there is grenache and a very pure syrah in support. Small Austrian oak vats are used which respect the quality of the fruit. Great finesse in 2011. 2014–2023.	£108	—
130 FC23951	Côtes du Roussillon Villages, Muntada, Domaine Gauby What makes this different is where the vines come from and the fact that the carignan, the major element here, was planted in 1890. Fragrant with gentle spice, wonderfully pure fruit flavours and exceptional length. 2015–2025.	£260	—

THE WHITES

The vintage was easier for the whites as the grapes benefited fully from the cool summer months and produced wines that have both full flavour and certain freshness. Very seductive viogniers!

Ref		Six	Dozen
131 RH32011	Domaine Barou, Viognier, Vin de Pays de Rhodaniennes Gorgeous, plump, ripe viognier from an exciting producer who farms organically at the southern end of Condrieu. Exquisite. 2013–2015.	£48	—
132 RH33421	Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, Les Terres Blanches, Domaine Belle Made from very old marsanne, this was one of the best white Crozes that I tasted. Lots of flavour, richness and fat yet a streak of freshness that gives this lift. 2013–2019.	£55	—
133 RH33331	La Rosine, Viognier, Domaine Ogier * Syrah was planted first on this slope but the viognier is now well established and making better wine each year. The 2011 is fuller and fatter than the 2010. Condrieu like. 2013–2015.	£63	—
134 RH33351	Saint-Joseph, Céleste, Jean-Louis Chave Most of the white comes from old vines from the old Clos l'Arbalestrier in Mauves. Since Chave took over, much has changed, especially in the vineyard. Lovely, mineraly fruit here with a touch of honey and citrus. 2013–2019.	£63	—
135 RH33341	Contour Deponcins, Viognier, Domaine Villard * A lovely viognier made using some east-facing plots and so not part of the Condrieu appellation. These are blended with young Condrieu fruit to make a very attractive and refreshing viognier. 2013–2015.	£68	—
136 RH33401	Saint-Péray, Version, Villard A lovely, clean-tasting, mineraly Saint-Péray from one of the great wine makers of the Rhône Valley. François Villard started as a Condrieu producer but has successfully expanded to cover many other appellations. 2013–2017.	£70	—
137 RH32241	Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Christophe, Domaine des Remizières 80% marsanne grapes coming from good slopes to the east of Hermitage and 20% roussanne from behind Hermitage at Larnage. A touch of class here. 2015–2019.	£75	—
138 RH33361	Crozes-Hermitage, Mule Blanche, Paul Jaboulet Aîné * The new team at Jaboulet is insisting on fresh-tasting whites. The 2011 follows on in similar fashion to the very good 2010. Lovely balance. Freshness, citrus and a hint of honey. 2013–2014.	£83	—



Vincent Avril made great Clos des Papes



Daumas Gassac, where great wines were made in 2011

Ref		Six	Dozen
139	FC23961 Le Soula, Côtes Catalanes Gérard Gauby was at the birth of this remarkable Roussillon white and the accent remains firmly on minerality and freshness. The blend is complex but includes macabeu, grenache, vermentino, chardonnay and sauvignon. Gorgeous in 2011. 2013–2017.	£83	—
140	RH33371 Saint-Joseph, Les Royes Blanc, Domaine Courbis Lovely minerality here. Full-flavoured, still quite oaky so will need time to digest it all. There is more freshness than in the 2009 though just as concentrated and full-flavoured but the balance is better and there is a touch of minerality here which gives lift. 2013–2019.	£93	—
141	RH33381 Saint-Péray, Les Figuiers, Domaine Bernard Gripa A benchmark for this still little-known appellation that exists just for white wine. Fabrice Gripa makes two blends; this one has the old vines and is dominated by 65% roussanne. Concentrated and very long with plenty of minerality. 2014–2020.	£98	—
142	RH31931 Saint-Péray, Prestige, Domaine du Tunnel This is 80% marsanne, some of it 100-year-old and 20% roussanne fermented and then aged briefly in oak. A perfect follow on to the 2010 vintage with similar salty tang. Refreshing, full-flavoured and fine. 2013–2017.	£100	—
143	RH33411 Crozes-Hermitage Domaine Roure, Paul Jaboulet Aîné The Roure vineyard is high up behind Hermitage and on equally varied soils. Distinguished and minerally in 2011 and with great length. 2014–2020.	£103	—
144	RH33391 Saint-Péray, Fleur du Crussol, Domaine Voge Very rich cuvée of Saint-Péray, raised in barrel but with enough matter to shine through. Made from 40-year-old marsanne grown on limestone just beneath the imposing Château de Crussol. 2013–2020.	£105	—
145	FC23971 Domaine Gauby Vieilles Vignes, Côtes Catalanes Remarkable, full-flavoured white made from a majority of macabeu and grenache gris with just a touch of muscat. Very fine, very long with a slightly salty twist to the fruit. 2013–2020.	£105	—
146	RH32231 Condrieu, Domaine Pichon * A very elegant, expressive viognier from one of the great Condrieu estates. Still closed when tasted in September as it had just been bottled. 2013–2016.	£115	—
147	RH33431 Saint-Joseph, Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph, Guigal * Nearly 100% old marsanne grown on granite on the Saint-Joseph slope that gave its name to the appellation. Richly flavoured, creamy with hints of very ripe apricot with a little citrus. Plenty of good quality oak which will need a year or so in bottle to integrate properly. 2014–2020.	£123	—
148	RH33441 Taburnum, Vin de Pays, Vins de Vienne Minerally, exotic and with a tingly seam of acidity. 100% viognier, fermented and aged in oak. Better and more distinguished than many Condrieu. A lovely refined viognier in 2011. 2014–2019.	£143	—
149	RH33451 Condrieu, Chéry, Domaine Niero The Chéry is one of the best slopes for Condrieu and always makes a wine with both body and finesse. This is rich and full-flavoured with plenty of ripe apricot-like fruit. 2013–2016.	£148	—
150	RH33461 Condrieu, Chéry, Domaine Perret * Peaches, apricots, richness, freshness, perfect balance. Outstanding. 2014–2018.	£148	—
151	RH33471 Condrieu, Grand Vallon, Domaine Villard Full-flavoured, elegant Condrieu for drinking quite young. Brimming with rich exotic fruit. 2013–2016.	£150	—
152	RH33531 Hermitage, Domaine de la Tourettes, Delas A very fine Hermitage white, the full shilling, rich, honeyed with plenty of fat and their best white for many years. 2014–2022.	£150	—
153	RH33491 Condrieu, Deponcins, Domaine Villard This is always more backward than the Grand Vallon and really needs another year in bottle. Rich and creamy with lots of character and a touch of noble rot. 2013–2018.	£160	—
154	RH32131 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Blanc The blend is dominated by some very old clairette with grenache, bouboulenc and roussanne in support. A brilliant success in 2011. 2013–2020.	£165	—

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Gérard Gauby, the wizard from Catalonia

Marcel and Philippe Guigal, rich and hedonistic wines in 2011

		In-bond price, UK delivered, per six and per dozen	
Ref		Six	Dozen
155	RH33481 Condrieu, Domaine des Grands Amandiers, Paul Jaboulet Aîné Jaboulet makes two wines from Condrieu. This one comes from their own vines and is by far the best of the two. Great finesse here and layers of succulent, ripe fruit. 2014–2018.	£170	—
156	RH33511 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Clos des Papes Magical white Châteauneuf that uses all six white varieties and no oak. Clarity and finesse, peach and pear now but will become more complex with age, resembling in some way, a great dry riesling. 2013–2025.	£170	—
157	RH33521 Hermitage, Chevalier de Stérimberg, Paul Jaboulet Aîné A white Hermitage in a clean, modern style. This may turn out a bit like the 1983 which we opened recently and which was so good. 2015–2023.	£178	—
158	RH33501 Condrieu, La Bonnette, Domaine Rostaing René Rostaing makes a decidedly fine Condrieu by avoiding the malolactic fermentation and using little oak. Peach rather than apricot with a little lime and a lovely balance. 2013–2017.	£188	—
159	RH33541 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel Made from 80% roussanne, 15% grenache and 5% of everything else, this is a very fine white Beaucastel, as ever; multi-dimensional. The 2011 vintage adds a good deal of freshness and some lovely lemon and honey flavours. Drink early from the end of summer 2013, but it will almost certainly shut down from 2014. Thereafter drink from 2018–2025.	£225	—
160	RH33561 Condrieu, La Doriane, Guigal Marcel and Philippe Guigal are gradually acquiring some great slopes in Condrieu and have just added some Côteau de Vernon to their portfolio. This is suitably very rich and hedonistic. 2014–2020.	£238	—
161	RH33551 Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vieilles Vignes, Château de Beaucastel 100% roussanne, rich, decadent and a great food wine. This can be enjoyed young though the oak will be marked. Best drunk early from the end of summer 2013, but its true greatness only reveals itself after many more years in bottle. Best drunk 2019–2028.	£375	—
162	RH31811 Ermitage Blanc de l'Orée, Chapoutier Made from 70-year-old marsanne, the 2011 is complex and simply splendid. 2015–2024.	£440	—

MIXED CASES

163. 2011 RHÔNE GOOD VALUE VILLAGES CASE

Drinking Window: 2015–2019 †

OC3216 at **£63**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

Laudun, Château Courac

Lirac, Château Mont-Redon

Côtes-du-Rhône, Réserve Wine Society, Perrin et Fils

Vinsobres, Altitude 420, Domaine Jaume

Côtes-du-Rhône, Mon Coeur, Chave Selection

Cairanne, Le Bonneau, Domaine Delubac

164. 2011 SOUTHERN RHÔNE VILLAGES CASE

Drinking Window: 2016–2019 †

OC3226 at **£87**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

Lirac, Nessun Dorma, Domaine Maby

Vinsobres, Reference, Domaine Jaume

Cairanne, Peyre Blanche, Perrin et Fils

Rasteau, La Ponce, Domaine des Escaravilles

Beaumes de Venise, Le Paradou, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

Vacqueyras Saint Roch, Clos des Cazaux

165. 2011 GIGONDAS

Drinking Window: 2016–2020 †

OC3236 at **£157**

A 12-bottle case containing three bottles each of the following:

Gigondas La Tour Sarazine, Clos des Cazaux

Gigondas, Domaine du Cayron

Gigondas Racines, Domaine Les Pallieres

Gigondas, Moulin de la Gardette, Ventabren

166. 2011 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE AND THE LIKE

Drinking Window: 2015–2020 †

OC3246 at **£78**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

Côtes-du-Rhône Villages, Terre d'Argile, Domaine de la Janasse

Côtes-du-Rhône, Coudoulet de Beaucastel

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine la Boutinière

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Mont-Redon

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Bosquet des Papes

167. 2011 ICONIC CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Drinking Window: 2017–2023 †

OC3256 at **£181**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Bosquet des Papes

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Chante Le Merle (Boiron)

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Vieux Télégraphe

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Cuvée Chaupin, Domaine de la Janasse

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos des Papes

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel

MIXED CASES

168. 2011 TOP LANGUEDOC DROPS

Drinking Window: 2017–2020 †

OC3266 at **£153**

A 12-bottle case containing two bottles each of the following:

Domaine de Perdiguier, Cuvée en Auger,
Vin de Pays des Coteaux d'Ensérune
Corbières Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis
Faugères, Bastides, Domaine Alquier
Côteaux du Languedoc, Prieuré Saint Jean de Bébian
Mas de Daumas Gassac
Collioure, Côté Montagne, Domaine de la Rectorie

169. 2011 CÔTE-RÔTIE

Drinking Window: 2015–2020 †

OC3276 at **£138**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Niero
Côte-Rôtie, Triotes, Domaine Garon
Côte-Rôtie, Château de Montlys
Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Burgaud
Côte-Rôtie La Germinie, Duclaux
Côte-Rôtie, Nicolas-Perrin

170. 2011 RHÔNE TASTE OF THE NORTH AND SOUTH

Drinking Window: 2015–2020 †

OC3286 at **£83**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

Crozes-Hermitage, Thalabert, Paul Jaboulet Aîné
Saint-Joseph, Offerus, Chave
Vacqueyras Saint Roch, Clos des Cazaux
Côte-Rôtie, Château de Montlys
Gigondas La Tour Sarazine, Clos des Cazaux
Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle

171. 2011 CLASSIC WHITE RHÔNE

Drinking Window: 2014–2015 †

OC3296 at **£106**

A six-bottle case containing one bottle each of the following:

La Rosine, Viognier, Domaine Ogier
Contour Deponcins, Viognier, Domaine Villard
Crozes-Hermitage, Mule Blanche, Paul Jaboulet Aîné
Condrieu, Domaine Pichon
Saint-Joseph, Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph, Guigal
Condrieu Chéry, Domaine Perret

† Drink dates for these mixed cases refer to the period when all the wines will be at their peak. Please refer to the individual wine for its recommended drink date.

How this offer works

Orders by telephone, post, fax and website will be accepted. To order via the website, visit thewinesociety.com/openingoffer. You will be required to log in with your password to place an order. If you need a new password visit www.thewinesociety.com/forgottenpassword. Orders need to arrive at Stevenage by **9pm, Tuesday 12th February, 2013** and will be processed thereafter. Members whose orders have been received by this date will receive confirmation of their purchase by **4th March, 2013** at the latest.

Members whose orders have been received after this time will receive notification by **25th March, 2013**.

If demand exceeds supply

The Society has a long relationship with many of the growers in this offer and access to good quantities of wine. It is possible however that demand may exceed supply for individual wines, in which case we will share out (as far as is practical) the available stock equally amongst ordering members. If this still does not allow every member to have some wine, then as a final resort we divide members into groups depending on their level of support for The Society (quantity of wine bought, spend, orders placed etc). Members who have given greater support to The Society will have a better chance (but no certainty) of being allocated wine, and those who have given less support will have a lesser chance (but still a chance). The Society will offer a similar wine as a substitute if the original choice cannot be provided, or members may nominate their own substitute when ordering. Doing so will not lessen the chance of receiving the original wine.

Members' Reserves

The Society's Members' Reserves is a purpose-built, temperature-controlled facility offering members access to optimum storage conditions. The annual rental charge (currently £7.92 per dozen if paid by direct debit, £9.12 if not) includes VAT and insurance at replacement value. Any wine bought from The Society, by the unmixed or pre-mixed dozen, may be added or removed at any time. Members can also remove a few bottles of a full case stored in Reserves. Wines removed in this way need to be made up into 12-bottle cases using no more than four different wines from the member's unmixed cases stored in Reserves. A handling charge of £5 per dozen bottles withdrawn applies. Please call Member Services on 01438 740222 to arrange your part-case withdrawal.

What the price includes

- Prices shown include delivery to a UK address. They do not include excise duty or VAT.
- Payment of duty and VAT, at the prevailing rate (currently £22.81 duty per 12 75cl-bottle case, £11.40 per six-bottle case and 20% VAT payable on wine and duty) will be requested once the wines arrive at Stevenage. **This is expected to be autumn 2013 for the whites and spring 2014 for the reds.**
- Once the wines arrive at Stevenage, members may opt to have them delivered within the UK or stored in duty-paid Members' Reserves.

Notes

- Members, especially those living overseas, should note that only unmixed cases may be exported or transferred to an outside bond.
- Wines are offered in cases of 12 or 6 bottles as indicated.
- Please note that these wines cannot be collected from our showroom in Montreuil.

Please read the full terms and conditions for this offer set out on the enclosed order form and on our website before placing your order.

**THIS OFFER WILL CLOSE AT
9PM TUESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2013**

For information regarding this offer after the close date please contact The Society on **01438 740222** or e-mail memberservices@thewinesociety.com

THE SOCIETY'S PROMISE

Uncork with confidence

As a mutual organisation, members' pleasure is paramount. If, for any reason, you haven't enjoyed a wine we want to hear about it and will happily offer a credit, a replacement or a refund as appropriate. For conditions please see: thewinesociety.com/promise

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