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# 2013 RHÔNE & LANGUEDOC-ROUSSILLON IN-BOND

SYRAH TAKES CENTRE STAGE. GLORIOUS  
WINES IN THE NORTH. STUNNING WHITES

## Overview

2013 was marked by historically low yields across the region and a very late harvest. The wines are savoury, well-defined and intense. There are three key facts to know about the 2013 Rhône vintage:

- Exceptional for syrah, mourvèdre and all the whites
- The harvest was very late, allowing the fruit flavours to concentrate and stay fresh
- The smallest crop in 50 years, and in the south, very little grenache

## What happened in 2013?

The years go by and no two vintages are ever the same. In 2013, there was no spring. In its place, the cold, wet winter just seemed to go on forever and it wasn't until July that temperatures began to rise and suddenly summer arrived. Flowering was poor as a result and the grenache grape especially suffered. The Indian summer, which was never too hot, came as blissful respite for growers who began to wonder whether they would ever be able to pick.

## The North

When I saw Thierry Allemand in October, the first thing he said was: 'At last! A true Cornas vintage' and I know what he meant. His wines have virility, lift and an abundance of fruit; there is a definition to the

wines that marks them out. 2013 northern Rhône syrah is sleek, succulent and concentrated. The tannins are present but, by and large, they're ripe. So much so that many growers have gone back to whole-bunch fermentation, stalks and all, resulting in extra tannin structure and complexity. Crozes-Hermitage, the portal to understanding Rhône syrah, was outstanding in 2013. Wines from Cornas, Côte-Rôtie and Hermitage will all require patience, such is the weight of matter in these wines, but it will be rewarded.

## The South

The south was more challenging. Not only were the yields incredibly low but there was hardly any grenache. What to do? Growers had to adapt, make fewer cuvées and then bring to the world wines with more syrah or mourvèdre. So some of these southern 2013s are atypical, with more colour, more grip and more fruit. In some cases, the wines are fractionally less alcoholic too.

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The results are surprising though uneven and so the line up from the south looks a little different to normal as we too have had to adapt. There is more from Gigondas as unquestionably 2013 is a great vintage for this region. Success in Châteauneuf-du-Pape was also possible: Vincent Avril at Clos des Papes made a great Châteauneuf but did so by severe pruning. He yielded just 13.5hl/ha, a record low at this estate.

### Languedoc-Roussillon

The lack of grenache was less of a problem further south as it is rarely a majority grape here, while carignan, syrah and mourvèdre all produced excellent wines. Aussières, Alquier, Sainte-Eulalie, Bébian and Ollieux Romanis are all worth seeking out.

### The whites

In a word: stunning. From Condrieu in the north all the way down to the Roussillon, 2013 is a truly brilliant white vintage where fruit, grip and concentration combine perfectly.

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## THE WINES

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

### 2013 NORTHERN RHÔNE

#### CROZES-HERMITAGE AND BRÉZÈME

Crozes-Hermitage is the largest northern Rhône appellation while Brézème is the smallest and for now classified as just plain Côtes-du-Rhône. Syrah from here is pure, simple and at its most direct. The choice has been extended to reflect the outstanding quality of the vintage here.

Ref		Six	Dozen
1	RH38321 <b>Brézème, Côtes-du-Rhône, Château de la Rolière</b> From syrah grapes grown on gentle, limestone slopes overlooking the river Drôme between Valence and Montélimar. This is Crozes-like but a little rounder; ripe and supple and amazingly good value. 2016–2021.	–	<b>£68</b>
2	RH38341 <b>Crozes-Hermitage Les Jalets, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> Textbook Crozes: black, sappy with great depth of flavour. Most now comes from Jaboulet-owned vineyards, including a proportion from the famed Thalabert, and it shows. Slightly more backward than either the 2012 or 2011. 2017–2024.	–	<b>£95</b>
3	RH38331 <b>Crozes-Hermitage Meysonniers, Chapoutier *</b> A wonderful unoaked syrah and excellent value for money too. The 2013 benefits from low yields and is very dark, structured and long. 2018–2023.	<b>£50</b>	–
4	RH38361 <b>Crozes-Hermitage, Nicolas Perrin *</b> This is fabulous Crozes; fruity with depth and finesse. The contacts come from Nicolas Jaboulet and the technical wizardry, including some very classy oak vats, comes from the Perrin family. The sources for the grapes are impeccable and include the best names in the appellation. We can say no more! Except that this wine is outstanding. 2018–2025.	<b>£60</b>	–

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The Chapelle de Saint Cosme



Old grenache vines with the Dentelles de Montmirail in the background

In-bond price, UK delivered, per six

Ref		Six
5	<b>RH38401 Crozes-Hermitage, Château de Saint Cosme *</b> This is outstanding from Louis Barruol. A northern Crozes from slopes where there is more granite. It makes for a style of Crozes that has more depth, more colour and tighter tannins. Mid-term drinking and beyond. 2017–2027.	<b>£65</b>
6	<b>RH38391 Crozes-Hermitage Albéric Bouvet, Domaine Gilles Robin</b> After years struggling against the weather, Gilles Robin has finally given up growing apricots to devote all his energies to wine, which is good news at least for wine lovers. This is his old-vine cuvée, meticulously well-made with just the right amount of barrel ageing. Dark, sweet flavoured and polished. A real winner. 2017–2025.	<b>£69</b>
7	<b>RH38411 Crozes-Hermitage Palignons, Vins de Vienne *</b> Full-flavoured, succulent syrah. From a négoce house set up by Pierre Gaillard, Yves Cuilleron and François Villard. Dark, ripe and sweetly flavoured. 2016–2022.	<b>£70</b>
8	<b>RH38421 Crozes-Hermitage Cuvée Gaby, Domaine du Colombier</b> This is the top cuvée from a family of fruit farmers with vines in both Crozes and Hermitage. Quality of the grapes means everything here and it shows. Purity of fruit, expressive and concentrated. 2017–2025.	<b>£70</b>
9	<b>RH38381 Crozes-Hermitage, Julien Cécillon</b> This is a newcomer on the scene making lovely Crozes and Saint-Joseph. A wine which is dark, ripe and sweet-tasting. 2016–2021.	<b>£75</b>
10	<b>RH38441 Crozes-Hermitage Le Grand Courtil, Ferraton</b> A fine, concentrated Crozes from vines to the east of Hermitage and from similar soils. Wonderful flavours of dark, ripe fruit and great length. 2019–2028.	<b>£75</b>
11	<b>RH38351 Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Grands Chemins, Delas *</b> Made with syrah from vines owned by the estate, all from the area known as Les Chassis. There is good concentration here, especially in this vintage. Dark fruit matter, plenty of weight and a long finish. For the medium-term. 2018–2025.	<b>£80</b>
12	<b>RH38371 Crozes-Hermitage, Marc Sorrel</b> Only 3,000 bottles of this full-flavoured, well-structured Crozes were made in 2013. Lovely fruit flavours, uplifting and long. 2017–2021.	<b>£81</b>
13	<b>RH38431 Crozes-Hermitage Domaine de Thalabert, Paul Jaboulet Aîné *</b>  A densely packed, concentrated and dark wine. Lots of black fruit here which is ripe but also with an uplifting freshness. The oak too is well judged and the stock of barrels from the Bordeaux Château La Lagune (which is under the same ownership) is being replaced by larger 500-litre casks which tend to favour fruit flavours more. A very classy syrah indeed. 2019–2028. <i>Magnums available.</i>	<b>£88</b>
14	<b>RH39871 Crozes-Ermitage Varonniers, Chapoutier</b> A blend of two parts: one from the flat lands known as Chassis and the second, and what defines the cuvée, from the granite south-east facing slope right next to Hermitage itself. The wine is Hermitage-like, concentrated and intense. 2019–2028.	<b>£135</b>

**SAINT-JOSEPH**

This is the home of hand-crafted syrah: an area comprising some 26 villages, mostly tucked in beneath the granite escarpment that marks the right bank of the Rhône. Vines are planted on very steep slopes and offer a wonderful expression of syrah. Gonon, Chave and Coursodon are among the star growers in 2013 with great wines too coming from Ferraton and Delas.

Ref		Six
15	<b>RH38451 Saint-Joseph Offerus, Sélection Jean-Louis Chave</b> Jean-Louis Chave bought the Clos Florentin estate a couple of years ago and it is this, including the famous Clos de l'Arbalestrier, which makes up the main part of this wine. As a result this is now almost exclusively from Chave's own vineyards. The 2013 has cherry-like fruit and combines depth and elegance. For the mid-term. 2017–2024.	<b>£60</b>
16	<b>RH38461 Saint-Joseph, Château de Saint Cosme</b> A tiny parcel of bewitchingly good syrah from the Malleval Valley. Plenty of colour and depth of flavour here with intensity and concentration. 2017–2024.	<b>£73</b>
17	<b>RH38531 Saint-Joseph Les Royes, Domaine Courbis</b> Soft, fleshy syrah from a steep terraced vineyard on limestone instead of the more usual granite. This is round and fruity and good for earlier drinking. 2016–2021.	<b>£88</b>
18	<b>RH38511 Saint-Joseph, Julien Cécillon</b> With some vines dating back to the 1890s, this is not short on flavour. Very black, chewy and concentrated. Fabulous. 2017–2024.	<b>£89</b>
19	<b>RH39981 Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Paradis, Ferraton</b> This is lovely, sensuous syrah from the village of Mauves on complex soils that include a covering of loess. Perfect for early drinking. A real charmer. 2016–2022.	<b>£93</b>
20	<b>RH38491 Saint-Joseph Couronne de Chabot, Alléno &amp; Chapoutier</b> The result of a joint venture between Michel Chapoutier and three-star chef Yannick Alléno. Full flavoured, wonderful thick olive paste with firm tannins that will need softening in bottle. Lovely Saint-Joseph. 2018–2023.	<b>£93</b>
21	<b>RH38501 Saint-Joseph Les Olivaies, Domaine Coursodon</b> Domaine Coursodon is a good source of Saint-Joseph in a more modern style. Always well-presented and polished, this is full-flavoured, very dark, ripe and rounded. Having said that, this will need a little time to come round. 2017–2024.	<b>£95</b>
22	<b>RH38521 Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint-Joseph, Ferraton</b> 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. Compact, tannic and austere, it will need time to come round. 2019–2027.	<b>£105</b>
23	<b>RH38541 Saint-Joseph, Domaine Gonon</b> 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 the region, in a style that is entirely unforced and utterly gorgeous. Tight and concentrated in 2013. 2018–2026.	<b>£113</b>
24	<b>RH38571 Saint-Joseph La Croix des Vignes, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> This comes from a tiny plot under Jaboulet's ownership and only a few hundred cases are made. Very black, densely textured and concentrated. Black fruit and great length. 2018–2026.	<b>£113</b>
25	<b>RH38551 Saint-Joseph Les Reflets, Domaine Villard</b> François Villard has always been better known for his whites but his reds are definitely worth looking at too. This is at the top of the range: a dark, brooding syrah from old vines, concentrated and still masked by oak at present but will age very well. 2018–2026.	<b>£121</b>
26	<b>RH38561 Saint-Joseph Tilde, Domaine Pierre-Jean Villa</b> Pierre-Jean Villa began his trade working at Clos de Tart and he still maintains close connections in Burgundy. His small vineyard in the northern Rhône is home to lots of little parcels on good slopes, which yield lovely wines. There is lots of concentration here with a flavour of black cherry, graphite and a thick sinewy texture. 2017–2023.	<b>£123</b>
27	<b>RH38471 Saint-Joseph Saint-Epine, Delas</b> Saint-Epine is one of the best slopes in Saint-Joseph with some of the oldest vines in the appellation. It is always one of the best wines from Delas and that is especially true in this vintage. Concentrated, very ripe but with sinew too. Brilliant. 2018–2028.	<b>£170</b>

**CORNAS**

The village has grown and now merges with Saint-Péray. Only reds here and mighty ones at that. Cornas enjoys a very specific microclimate, more Mediterranean than most in the northern Rhône, and hidden among the outcrops of granite are evergreen oaks more usually found several miles to the south. An exceptional vintage in 2013. The wines are thick and often densely flavoured. Allemand, Courbis and Voge made brilliant wines.

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28	RH38601	<b>Cornas, Domaine Alain Verset</b> Alain is the nephew of the great Noël Verset and inherited a 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 where he works with his friend Gilbert Serrette. His wine is delicious, deceptively soft, uncomplicated and satisfying. It just needs a decent steak and, perhaps, a gratin dauphinois. More concentration in 2013. 2018–2028.	<b>£93</b>
29	RH38591	<b>Cornas Champelrose, Domaine Courbis</b> A fine and expressive Cornas and made for more mid-term drinking than the denser Sabarotte below. Lots of blackcurrant fruit, and enough to envelop the tannins. 2018–2027.	<b>£94</b>
30	RH38581	<b>Cornas Empreintes, Domaine Durand</b> The two brothers here farm good plots in the best parts of Cornas, including Patou, Chaillots and Mazard with syrah from Patou bringing richness and Chaillots, depth and backbone. A lovely 2013 which is balanced and long. 2018–2026.	<b>£96</b>
31	RH38611	<b>Cornas Les Grandes Terrasses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> Though Jaboulet is better known for Hermitage and Crozes, the family has always felt very close to Cornas on the other side of the river and remains so to this day. Because quantities are so small in 2013, only one Cornas was made so this uses up all the Saint-Pierre part. Sweet, ripe blackcurrant fruit, sinewy and good length of flavour. 2019–2028. <i>Magnums available.</i>	<b>£100</b>
32	RH38631	<b>Cornas, Nicolas Perrin</b> Fabulous Cornas here. Very dark with great concentration of flavour and a tight tannic structure and already a lot of complexity. 2020–2028.	<b>£108</b>
33	RH38621	<b>Cornas Lieu-Dit Patou, Ferraton</b> A weighty, full-flavoured Cornas from a vineyard called Patou which lies at the southern end of Cornas in something of a sun trap. Dark, ripe and satisfyingly long. 2018–2029.	<b>£113</b>
34	RH38641	<b>Cornas Patou, Domaine Dumien-Serrette</b> Gilbert Serrette married into a Cornas family of growers and learned to make wine from his father-in-law, Henri Dumien. The cellars are among my favourite: earthen floors, yet clean and tidy. The church spire seems to loom directly above the cellars, a sign maybe that these wines are rather good – as indeed they are! Low-yield concentration with freshness too in 2013. 2019–2029.	<b>£120</b>
35	RH38661	<b>Cornas Les Eygats, Ferraton</b> Les Eygats is a vineyard to the north of Cornas and set quite high up. The wines always have more grip than those of Patou or Sabarotte. This is tight and backward at the moment but will eventually become a great Cornas. Will be ideal with game for example. 2020–2030.	<b>£123</b>
36	RH38651	<b>Cornas, Domaine du Tunnel</b> Stéphane Robert, better known for his white Saint-Péray, also makes good sturdy Cornas that has both depth and weight of flavour. The 2013 is black and densely flavoured with great concentration. 2019–2028.	<b>£133</b>
37	RH38671	<b>Cornas La Geynale, Domaine Vincent Paris</b> Vincent Paris is a young vigneron in Cornas who in part acquired his vineyard from his uncle, Robert Michel. The best fruit comes from very old vines planted on the Geynale slope. Big concentration of flavour here with fat and weight of sweet-tasting black fruit. 2020–2029.	<b>£149</b>
38	RH38681	<b>Cornas Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Voge</b> Alain Voge owns some of the best plots in Cornas which are now worked by his partner Albéric Mazoyer, who used to be winemaker at Chapoutier. This is multi-dimensional with great depth and concentration. This also includes all of the Vieille Fontaine vines where not enough was made to make a separate cuvée. Outstanding. 2020–2032.	<b>£170</b>
39	RH38691	<b>Cornas Sabarotte, Domaine Courbis</b> All new oak barrels for the top wine. Splendid indeed, rich and concentrated. This will need time. 2020–2031.	<b>£180</b>
40	RH38701	<b>Cornas Les Reynards, Domaine Thierry Allemand</b> Reynards is often said to make the grandest, most complex wine in Cornas, and Thierry Allemand owns a fabulous plot here with vines that go back to 1900. Very concentrated and intense in 2013. 2022–2035.	<b>£350</b>

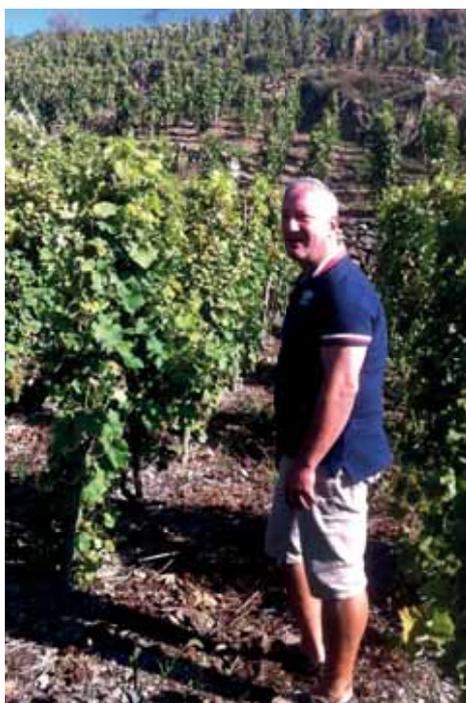
**SEYSSUEL AND VIN DE PAYS**

Côte-Rôtie is said to be the northernmost appellation in the northern Rhône and while that is technically correct, there are also other wines made a little further north, around the next bend in the river on the other side of Vienne. There is no appellation as yet but officially they take the name of the village of Seyssuel. Before phylloxera there were vines here but the vineyards remained abandoned until they were replanted about 20 years ago. Most is red from syrah, invariably dark and intense and Côte-Rôtie like. Growers from round here also adopt vin de pays status for wines from other non-appellation slopes or from young vines and these can be very good value indeed.

Ref		Six
41	<b>RH38711</b> <b>Domaine Ogier La Rosine, Collines Rhodaniennes</b> October-picked syrah produced an utterly gorgeous red. Delicate and refined, Côte-Rôtie like, except for the price! 2016–2020.	<b>£58</b>
42	<b>RH38721</b> <b>Domaine Rostaing, Les Lézardes</b> René Rostaing is one of the great names of Côte-Rôtie and also owns a small patch of vineyard on very steep schistous slopes that hang precariously over the road. A Côte-Rôtie in all but name with some lovely ripe-tasting fruit and soft, rounded textures. 2016–2021.	<b>£83</b>
43	<b>RH38741</b> <b>Domaine Ogier, L'Ame Soeur</b> Stéphane Ogier was one of those growers who took the plunge and planted on virgin slopes by the village of Seyssuel. The soils here are as in Côte-Rôtie but the aspect faces the evening sun making the wines somewhat more intense. His vines are now 12 years old and that is beginning to tell in terms of concentration. Dark, richly-textured with fine tannins. 2018–2024.	<b>£118</b>
44	<b>RH38731</b> <b>Domaine Villard, Seul en Scène, Vin de France</b> François Villard was one of the first to plant in Seyssuel, the non-appellation land across the river from Côte-Rôtie. The 2013 is dark with flavours that seem to speak of the slate-like rock. 2017–2025.	<b>£128</b>
45	<b>RH38751</b> <b>Sotatum, Collines Rhodaniennes, Vins de Vienne</b> The story is an excellent one. Steep vineyards below the village of Seyssuel had been planted since Roman times. The combination of phylloxera and the Great War changed all that and the vines were abandoned and grubbed up. Then came rebirth and 2013 marks the 16th vintage and there is talk of a new appellation. Côte-Rôtie like, dark, brooding and concentrated. Black cherry and graphite flavours. 2018–2027.	<b>£138</b>



Domaine Villard excellent reds and whites!



Christophe Semaska by his Côte-Rôtie vines at Château de Montlys



Nicolas Jaboulet taking notes over a glass of Gigondas

**CÔTE-RÔTIE**

Such is the strength of the vintage that the selection this year has been extended to include a second wine from Gilles Barge, who excelled in 2013, as did René Rostaing and Stéphane Ogier. The wines have depth and concentration, on a par maybe with 1999.

Ref		Six
46	RH38761 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Niéro</b> Robert Niéro makes a soft and very appealing style of Côte-Rôtie from vines that are mostly at the southern end of the appellation but with an important addition from the northern Viallière vineyard which gives the wine backbone. Stylish, charming and good for earlier drinking. 2017–2025.	£123
47	RH38771 <b>Côte-Rôtie Triotes, Domaine Garon</b> Syrah from young vines is now used to make a lighter entry wine to the benefit of this cuvée, which has much more concentration as a result, especially in a vintage like 2013. Packed with dense, rich-tasting fruit. 2018–2025.	£128
48	RH38781 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Château de Montlys</b> This comes from the northernmost 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, sumptuous wine. The 2013 is dark, chewy and concentrated with the flavours of thick black cherry. 2018–2026.	£128
49	RH38811 <b>Côte-Rôtie Le Combard, Domaine Barge</b> The slope here is so steep that Gilles Barge installed a Swiss-made monorail to help with the work. Fun going up though a little scary. Utterly gorgeous Côte-Rôtie for relatively early drinking. 2017–2025.	£140
50	RH38801 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Nicolas Perrin *</b> There are lots of good elements in this blend including Rozières, Blonde and Landonne. The balance is there creating a Côte-Rôtie of great elegance and intensity. 2017–2026.	£145
51	RH38791 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Clusel-Roch</b>  This is mostly northern Côte-Rôtie where soils are of dark schist rather than granite. The wines often have more colour and a flavour that one can describe as mineral, stony, even slate-like. There is real intensity too in the 2013 vintage. A Côte-Rôtie in a Burgundian style. 2018–2028. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£148
52	RH38831 <b>Côte-Rôtie Côte Brune, Domaine Barge *</b> Appropriately on a bigger scale than the Le Combard above with more weight and extract. Stunning in 2013. 2020–2030.	£148
53	RH38841 <b>Côte-Rôtie La Germinie, Duclaux *</b> This is a well-established property with vines in the south of Côte-Rôtie. The style is light, more Côte Blonde like, and ready to drink sooner. Germinie is a blend of wines from both young and older vines and includes a little viognier for added fragrance. 2013 has depth, length of flavour and a lot of charm. 2016–2027.	£155
54	RH38851 <b>Côte-Rôtie Galets Blonds, Domaine Villard *</b> François Villard is making better and better reds, extracting less and making wines that are rounder and more appealing. Having said that, the 2013 will need some time to reveal itself. Plenty of concentration with flavours of ripe, sweet fruit. 2019–2028.	£160
55	RH38861 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Château de Saint Cosme</b> Louis Barruol must have perfect contacts on the 'roasted slope' as time and time again he delivers great wine. There is always an element of Viallière here which brings colour, perfume and a strong sense of minerality. The 2013 is sensuous and exquisitely fine. 2018–2026.	£160
56	RH38821 <b>Côte-Rôtie Champin Seigneur, Domaine Gérin</b> Very dark, sensuous, elegant and refined, a wonderful Côte-Rôtie that will keep well. 2020–2030.	£163
57	RH38881 <b>Côte-Rôtie, Domaine Ogier</b> From a stand-out producer whose success is based on having several plots in the best sites as well as meticulous attention to detail in his work. His Côte-Rôtie reflects both southern and northern expressions, so soft and sensuous yet with piercing intensity as well. Brilliant. 2018–2025.	£180
58	RH38911 <b>Côte-Rôtie Les Jumelles, Paul Jaboulet Aîné *</b> Delight, charm and length from a great Côte-Rôtie vintage. 2019–2028.	£180
59	RH38921 <b>Côte-Rôtie Bécasses, Chapoutier</b> As the name suggests, this may well be a syrah to go with woodcock. But not just yet! There is sweetness of fruit, concentration of flavour and great length. Black cherry with a touch of spice. 2019–2028.	£180

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60	RH38891	<b>Côte-Rôtie Ampodium, Domaine Rostaing</b> It is fashionable to give names to wines and René Rostaing has picked the Roman for 'Ampuis' for what he sometimes used to refer to as his 'cuvée classique'. For Rostaing at least, 2013 is an outstanding vintage on a par with 1991. Black, sweet-fruit and great length. 2018–2027.	–	<b>£205</b>
61	RH38931	<b>Côte-Rôtie Les Pierrelles, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> A tiny cuvée, all coming from Jaboulet-owned vineyards, this has concentration and depth of flavour. Graphite and dark-cherry-like fruit. 2020–2030.	–	<b>£205</b>
62	RH38871	<b>Côte-Rôtie Seigneur de Maugiron, Delas</b> Magical sense of place here. Fragrant with ripe, black-cherry flavour. Hints of graphite with grace, concentration and length. Mostly from Côte Brune. 2018–2027.	–	<b>£220</b>
63	RH38901	<b>Côte-Rôtie Rochains, Domaine Garon*</b> From old vines close to Guigal's La Turque. This is dense, full-flavoured and concentrated, with the flavour of black cherry. Great length too and class. 2019–2030.	–	<b>£220</b>
64	RH38951	<b>Côte-Rôtie La Landonne, Domaine Rostaing</b> Dense, concentrated with heaps of flavour and oozing class. 2020–2032.	–	<b>£420</b>
65	RH38961	<b>Côte-Rôtie Côte Blonde, Domaine Rostaing</b> Opulent, sensuous with huge extract and length of flavour. 2021–2035.	–	<b>£450</b>

## HERMITAGE

Hermitage is rightly regarded as the grand wine of the northern Rhône, quite separate from more modest Crozes. Hermitage is a hill overlooking the Rhône at a point when the river momentarily changes direction to go east. Geologically, Hermitage is a mass of complexity, a fusion of two worlds, Massif Central and the Alps. 2013 is a great Hermitage vintage though quantities will be small per producer. Domaine Jean-Louis Chave will be released later.

66	RH39021	<b>Hermitage Les Miaux, Ferraton</b> A very fine Hermitage from two small plots in the middle of the hill including some from Méal. Thick blackberry fruit with length, middle and tension. I was impressed by all the wines from this boutique négoce house in this vintage. 2020–2029.	–	<b>£155</b>
67	RH39041	<b>Hermitage, Domaine du Colombier</b> A fine and well-crafted Hermitage, bright, expressive and very long. For the mid-term. 2019–2027.	–	<b>£193</b>
68	RH39011	<b>Hermitage La Petite Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> The difference between Jaboulet's two cuvées of Hermitage is in the plots used. Jaboulet own approximately 50 acres of Hermitage spread out across the hill. Petite Chapelle tends to use fruit from the eastern part of Hermitage including Rocoules. The accent is on finesse and depth of flavour. 2018–2030.	–	<b>£195</b>
69	RH39001	<b>Ermitage, Nicolas Perrin</b> There is Burgundian finesse in this Hermitage with old-vine fruit coming from Greffieux bringing depth and elegance. Great length of flavour. 2019–2027.	–	<b>£198</b>
70	RH38991	<b>Hermitage, Domaine Bernard Faurie</b> From what seems like a garage beneath a rather unprepossessing 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, ripe-tasting, concentrated and very long. Great Hermitage indeed. 2020–2035.	–	<b>£218</b>
71	RH38981	<b>Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes, Delas</b> This is a vintage to savour but will need a little time. Roasted fruit, ripe and very concentrated with a tight tannic structure. This has lots of fat and is very long on the finish. A real expression of the granite of Hermitage. 2020–2030.	–	<b>£220</b>
72	RH39031	<b>Hermitage Monier de la Sizeranne, Chapoutier</b> With much of the fruit coming from Greffieux and Bessards, this is rich and intense with great length of flavour. 2021–2032.	–	<b>£230</b>
73	RH38211	<b>Ermitage Les Greffieux, Chapoutier</b> Greffieux sits at the bottom of the Méal vineyard so there is clay in the soil, hence the power and ripeness. Dark-cherry fruit, concentrated, very fine and very long in the mouth. 2020–2035.	<b>£170</b> 3 bottles	–

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Hermitage on a sunny day in October



Visan, Valréas and Vinsobres: villages at the northern edge of Provence and a great source for fine syrah in particular

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

Ref		Six	Dozen
74	RH39091 <b>Hermitage La Chapelle, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">M</span> The best plots, especially the vineyards called Bèssards and Méal, and the oldest vines go into the Chapelle blend. The 2013 has density and concentration and brooding power. 2021–2037. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£440	–
75	RH38201 <b>Ermitage l’Ermite, Chapoutier</b> The vines of l’Ermite surround the chapel at the top of the hill. The soil is sandy and shallow and the wines have a certain austerity in youth but which open up to encompass delicacy, fragrance and an impressive tannic structure. Great length in 2013. A complete wine. 2022–2040.	£750	–

## 2013 SOUTHERN RHÔNE

2013 in the south was a vintage like no other. It was so late that some people were still picking in November, and so little was produced that people had real difficulty filling their vats. Grenache was the main culprit, in many cases only yielding a third of a normal crop. Syrah, so outstanding in the north, was equally good in the south, and mourvèdre also thrived in 2013. Growers had to adapt and blend using less grenache and often had to reduce the number of cuvées. Yet 2013 is a vintage to savour with many brilliant successes. Laudun and Vinsobres, where syrah plays such an important part, were outstanding, and so too was Gigondas where the wines have great character and concentration.

## THE RIGHT BANK, INCLUDING LIRAC, SAINT-GERVAIS AND LAUDUN

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

76	RH39101 <b>Laudun, Château Courac</b> * Husband and Sicilian wife manage this 250-acre estate with great flair. This is the top wine made from grenache and syrah, unadorned, generous and fruity. Long-lived too as the 2007 now shows. Unbeatable value for money. 2016–2024.	–	£52
77	RH39111 <b>Lirac, Château Mont-Redon</b> * Lirac remains little known, living in the shadow of its two illustrious neighbours, Châteauneuf and Tavel. Cheaper land prices have however attracted many Châteauneuf producers to the vines here including Mont-Redon. This is a lovely red, Châteauneufesque in style but with Mont-Redon attention to elegance. Low yields in 2013 have reduced quantities however. 2016–2022.	–	£75
78	RH39121 <b>Saint-Gervais Les Rouvières, Domaine Sainte-Anne</b> 70% mourvèdre here, rich, ripe and sweetly flavoured with a long and spicy finish. Mourvèdre was particularly good in 2013 and this will age well. 2017–2027.	–	£95
79	RH39131 <b>Lirac Nessun Dorma, Domaine Maby</b> Essentially grenache and mourvèdre from selected plots of old vines, this is full-flavoured with excellent depth, figgy and fruit-laden with lovely spice. Great length too. 2017–2024.	£53	–
80	RH39141 <b>Saint-Gervais Les Morillons, Domaine Sainte-Anne</b> 2013 being a syrah vintage, this cuvée was certainly favoured. Full-bodied and tarry with generous blackberry fruit. 2018–2027.	£58	–

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## THE NORTHERN HILLS: VALRÉAS AND VINSOBRES

This is olive country with the town of Nyons lending its name to the finest oil in Provence. It is also truffle country and increasingly it is also a place to find elegant reds that are often marked by a high percentage of syrah, a grape which thrives among the light sub-Alpine breezes. Vinsobres is the top appellation here but others are just as good.

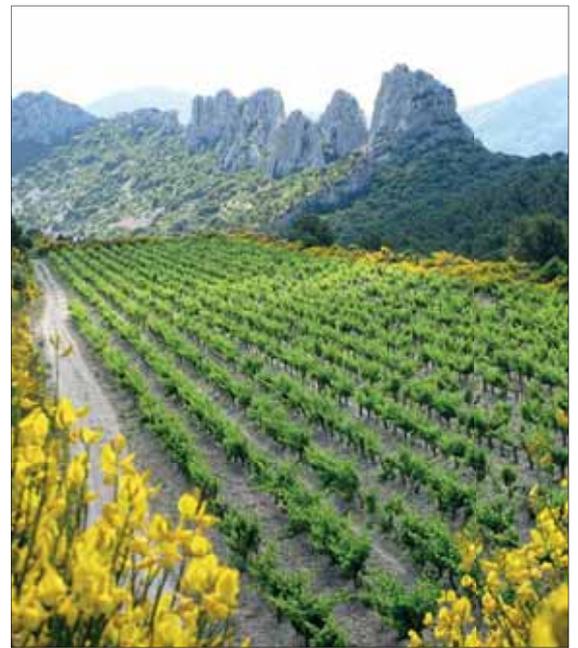
Ref		Six	Dozen
81	RH39151 <b>Vinsobres Altitude, Domaine Jaume</b> * The Jaumes offer two contrasting wines from Vinsobres. Altitude, as the name suggests, comes from vines further up the slope and has a fresher feel about it with little or no oak ageing. The 2013 tastes ripe and blackberry-like. 2016–2023.	–	<b>£59</b>
82	RH39161 <b>Valréas, Domaine du Val des Rois</b> Emmanuel Bouchard, a distant relative of the Burgundian Bouchards, farms on mostly north-facing slopes overlooking the bustling town of Valréas. The blend is 70% grenache and 30% syrah and in this vintage Emmanuel picked nearly his full quota of grenache. Blackberry, bramble, fig and a touch of spice. 2016–2024.	–	<b>£69</b>
83	RH39171 <b>Côtes-du-Rhône Mon Coeur, Chave Sélection</b> As well as running his estate on Hermitage and Saint-Joseph, Jean-Louis Chave puts his blending skills to use in creating an attractive Côtes-du-Rhône which his American wife sells primarily in the US. It's a blend of syrah with grenache, carignan and mourvèdre and taken from several villages such as Vinsobres, Visan and Rasteau. Brilliant 2013, fruit, a little spice, concentration and length. 2017–2025.	–	<b>£69</b>
84	RH39181 <b>Vinsobres Référence, Domaine Jaume</b> *  The Jaume family make The Society's Côtes-du-Rhône for everyday drinking. But the aim is to become best known for Vinsobres. This southern Rhône cru differs from most of the others for syrah plays an important role and is seen as having real potential. The blend here is 60% syrah with 30% grenache and a little mourvèdre. Barrel-aged: ripe, dark and elegant with the concentration of the vintage. 2019–2026. <i>Magnums available.</i>	–	<b>£79</b>
85	RH39191 <b>Vinsobres Les Hauts de Julien, Perrin Frères</b> Even before Vinsobres had acquired its cru status, the Perrins had begun investing here and today they have the largest estate. This is their top cuvée and, in 2013, it is 80% syrah. Exciting, very fine with great precision. 2019–2030.	<b>£99</b>	–

## CAIRANNE, RASTEAU AND NEIGHBOURS

These are like twin sisters, occupying a very central position in the southern Rhône. Though equally full-bodied, they are not identical; Rasteau being bold and dramatic, Cairanne more subtle. The flat, stony Plan de Dieu extends below them.

86	RH39201 <b>Plan de Dieu, Château Saint-Jean</b> * We have been buying François Meffre's lovely Côtes-du-Rhône for a few years now. This is a step up in quality, made from older vines below Cairanne. Rich and full-bodied. 22% syrah, 9% mourvèdre and the rest grenache. 2016–2023.	–	<b>£57</b>
87	RH39211 <b>Cairanne Le Bonneau, Domaine Delubac</b> Cairanne should be full-bodied and generous, and this will not disappoint, but the 20% syrah also ensures fruit, structure and certain finesse. Archetypal Côtes-du-Rhône. 2016–2023.	–	<b>£58</b>
88	RH39221 <b>Cairanne Peyre Blanche, Perrin Frères</b> * When an organically farmed property came up for sale in Cairanne recently, it was immediately snapped up by the Perrin family who over the last year or two have been consolidating a large portfolio across the Rhône. The 2013 is a 60:40 split between grenache and syrah. Smoky, dark, blackberry fruit. 2016–2021.	–	<b>£68</b>
89	RH39231 <b>Rasteau, Domaine La Soumade</b> * Big and full-flavoured but relying more on syrah than grenache. The 2013 is darker, more brooding, spicy and full-bodied with flavours of olive paste and herbs. 2017–2022.	–	<b>£80</b>
90	RH39261 <b>Plan de Dieu Domaine de Père en Fille, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> The Plan de Dieu is the continuation of Cairanne and Rasteau, and is seen as a perfect place for growing grenache and mourvèdre to which a little syrah is added. The 2013 vintage has blessed this wine with concentration and charm. Spice, dry figs and wild herbs. 2017–2026.	–	<b>£89</b>

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Two views of Gigondas: great mountain vineyards dominated by the limestone crags of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Outstanding wines in 2013

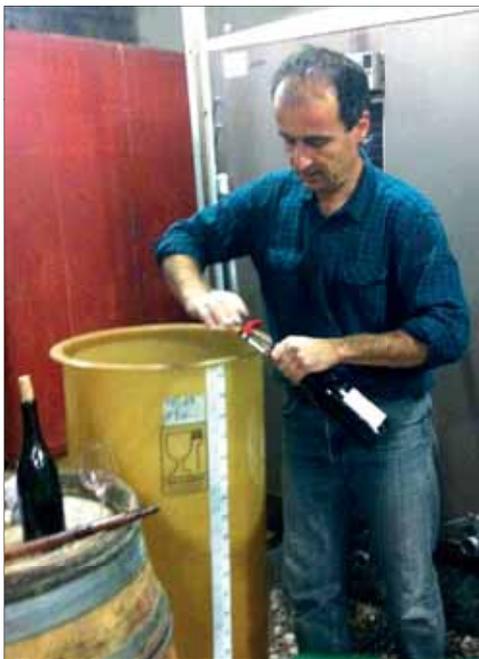
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91	RH39251 <b>Côtes-du-Rhône Les Deux Albions, Château de Saint Cosme</b> Louis Barruol plays to the strengths of several well-known Rhône villages including Cairanne and Vinsobres. Nearly half the blend is syrah with grenache, cinsault, carignan and even a little clairette in supporting roles. No oak here. Dark and brimming with rich, ripe fruit. 2016–2023.	–	<b>£92</b>
92	RH39271 <b>Rasteau Cuvée Prestige, Domine La Soumade</b> Yields were so low in 2013 that this estate only produced two reds. As a result all the old vines are here in this big, brawny and tannic red. 2019–2027.	<b>£56</b>	–
93	RH39241 <b>Rasteau La Ponce, Domaine des Escaravailles*</b> Rasteau, next door to Cairanne, has much more of its vines planted on south-facing slopes and these thrived in the late 2013 vintage. A lot of syrah here: big bright fruit, dark, ripe and long. 2016–2023.	<b>£88</b>	–

## THE EASTERN FRINGES, PART ONE: SABLET, SÉGURET AND VACQUEYRAS

These eastern fringes are bordered by the natural rampart called the Dentelles de Montmirail. Beyond are unspoiled Provence pastures. Wines here tend to be fruit-driven and comparatively robust.

94	RH39281 <b>Côtes-du-Rhône Secret de Famille, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> An exclusive blend for The Wine Society that takes full advantage of Jaboulet's buying power to source the best wines. This is mostly grenache and syrah with some grenache from just outside Châteauneuf, some syrah from Séguret, which has always been a happy ground chez Jaboulet, and then some wine from the Plan de Dieu. The result is deft and quite delicious. 2016–2023.	–	<b>£59</b>
95	RH39361 <b>Vacqueyras Saint Roch, Clos des Cazaux*</b> No oak is used here so the accent is on oodles of lovely juicy plummy fruit. About 70% grenache with the rest evenly split between syrah and mourvèdre. 2017–2024. <i>Magnums available.</i>	–	<b>£85</b>
96	RH39291 <b>Vacqueyras Les Cypès, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> Vacqueyras should have a certain charm as well as being full of body and flavour. Jaboulet manages it just right blending many different elements with skill. A lovely 2013 packed with ripe fruit and plenty of weight. 2016–2022.	–	<b>£85</b>
97	RH39311 <b>Vacqueyras Les Templiers, Clos des Cazaux</b> Brilliant in this the year of the syrah where it plays an almost solo role. Very dark and complex: blackberry and liquorice, and quite splendid. 2017–2025.	–	<b>£95</b>
98	RH39321 <b>Séguret Grande Réserve, Domaine de Mourchon*</b> Made from a 65:35 grenache-syrah split and aged in oak, this is full-bodied and full-flavoured. A big statement indeed. 2018–2024.	<b>£56</b>	–



Jean-Baptiste Meunier, one of Gigondas's leading wine makers at Moulin de la Gardette



The village of Gigondas hides two thousand years of wine-making history. The Romans called it *Jocunditas* or great enjoyment!

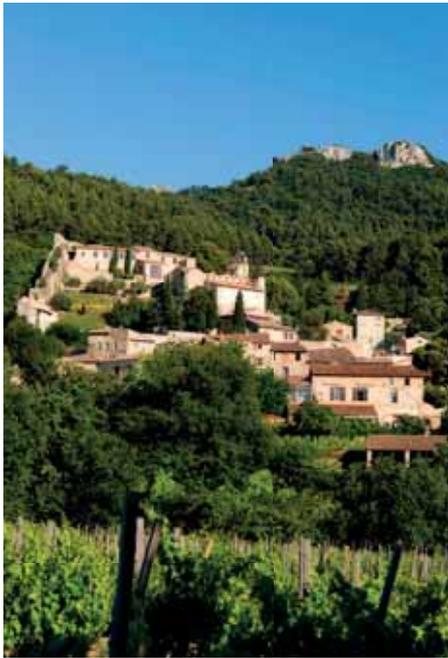
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## THE EASTERN FRINGES, PART TWO: GIGONDAS AND BEAUMES DE VENISE

This is the area most affected by the geological complexities of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Essentially these are mountain vineyards, always under the influence of cool breezes. These are bold, dramatic wines that always maintain a certain freshness. An outstanding vintage in 2013.

Ref		Six	Dozen
99	RH39331 <b>Beaumes de Venise Le Paradou, Paul Jaboulet Aîné</b> Red Beaumes de Venise is Gigondas like in style but a little less dramatic, and equally dominated by mountain-grown grenache. This is generous, delicious and ripe, and will be approachable young. 2016–2022.	–	<b>£75</b>
100	<b>Gigondas Tour Sarazine, Clos des Cazaux</b> Full-bodied, fruit-driven Gigondas made from 70% grenache and the rest evenly split between syrah and mourvèdre. No oak here. The 2013 is brilliant, maybe as good as the 2005 which is so good now. 2017–2024. <i>Magnums available.</i>	<b>£53</b>	–
101	RH39351 <b>Beaumes de Venise, Domaine de Boussières</b> Beaumes de Venise is better known for its sweet muscat but the Gigondas-like reds are also very good. This is 90% grenache with a little syrah. Sweet, ripe-tasting and very attractive. 2017–2024.	<b>£60</b>	–
102	RH39371 <b>Gigondas, Domaine du Cayron</b> Three sisters are in charge of this small estate, which has very traditional views on winemaking. The Faraud family owns lots of plots all over Gigondas which bring complexity. Long ageing in large foudres of old oak gives their wine a lovely glowing patina and The Society is able to pick its own cask. The 2013 will be made from a majority of grenache but with a large proportion of silky cinsault. 2017–2027.	<b>£78</b>	–
103	RH39911 <b>Gigondas Boussière</b> Last year, we bought a Beaumes de Venise from the Faravel brothers, but their main wine comes from Gigondas so for the 2013 offer, we have added this as well. Rich, multi layered and beautifully balanced. 2017–2025.	<b>£80</b>	–
104	RH39401 <b>Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette, Ventabren*</b> A Gigondas with plenty of weight and concentration. This is Jean-Baptiste Meunier's cuvée of old vines and it is generous, heart-warming and very long. 2018–2027.	<b>£83</b>	–
105	RH39381 <b>Gigondas, Château de Saint Cosme</b> An unusual Saint Cosme because this Gigondas has only 40% grenache with the rest split evenly between syrah and mourvèdre. Very black, intense, tapenade, spice and blackberry. 2019–2027.	<b>£89</b>	–
106	RH38241 <b>Gigondas Les Racines, Domaine Les Pallières</b> This is the old-vine cuvée and is made from 80% grenache with a little syrah, cinsault and clairette. Concentrated with lots of matter, great depth of flavour and a long finish. Finesse and elegance here with staying power. 2019–2027.	<b>£90</b>	–

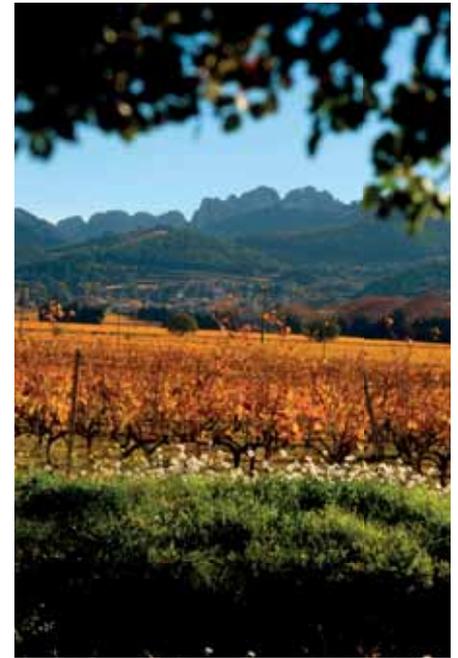
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Gigondas clearly seen beneath the Dentelles



The Faraud sisters, guardians of tradition with their ancient basket press at Domaine du Cayron



Autumnal colours in Gigondas

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Ref		Six
107 RH39411	<b>Gigondas Valbelle, Château de Saint Cosme</b> Big, sumptuous Gigondas, the result of a trawl through the best plots at Saint Cosme. 90% grenache and 10% syrah. Strapping. 2019–2027.	<b>£149</b>
108 RH39421	<b>Gigondas, Clos des Tourelles</b> Exciting, full-bodied Gigondas, vibrant, rich and concentrated. This is from the Perrin family's newly acquired estate in Gigondas. 2019–2030.	<b>£152</b>
109 RH39431	<b>Gigondas Le Claux, Château de Saint Cosme</b> From a plot of 110-year-old grenache, this is very dark, very concentrated with plenty of fat and potential for ageing. 2020–2035.	<b>£223</b>

## CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE AND AROUND

Châteauneuf is the best-known name in the Rhône valley and capable of producing wines of real majesty. The lack of grenache made itself especially felt here in 2013. The larger estates were often better able to adapt and there are many brilliant successes. Vieux Télégraphe is one of the stars of the vintage; Daniel Brunier drawing a comparison to 2001 or even the great Châteauneuf vintage of 1981.

110 RH39441	<b>Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Terre d'Argile, Domaine de la Janasse</b> We tasted all of the elements of this wine in October: grenache, syrah, carignan and mourvèdre from vines close to Châteauneuf. Janasse is an exciting estate making great wine across the board. Châteauneuf-like in style and great value. Concentrated and long in 2013. 2017–2022.	<b>£53</b>
111 RH39451	<b>Côtes-du-Rhône, Coudoulet de Beaucastel</b> This historic vineyard falls outside the Châteauneuf boundary, but the style is unmistakably Châteauneuf, even unmistakably Beaucastel, with its large proportion of mourvèdre, even more so in 2013. 2016–2024.	<b>£65</b>
112 RH39931	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Tradition, La Boutinière</b> Generous, full flavoured Châteauneuf from an estate that used to sell in bulk but that is now beginning to make a name for itself. 2017–2025.	<b>£70</b>
113 RH39471	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Mont-Redon *</b> Mont-Redon is a big estate which means that when yields are so low, there is still the choice of grapes to make a fine cuvée. There is concentration and elegance here and length of flavour but nothing over the top or out of place. 2018–2028.	<b>£78</b>
114 RH39461	<b>Côtes-du-Rhône, Réserve Clos du Caillou</b> A Châteauneuf in all but name. Blended using 75% grenache and 25% mourvèdre, this is outstanding. Full, rich, almost creamy textured and very long. 2018–2025.	<b>£80</b>

Ref		Six
115 RH39481	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle *</b> Just the one wine was made here, quantities being so low, so all the very old vines of grenache are included in this cuvée. Just 55% grenache with more syrah and mourvèdre to compensate. Dark, brooding power here. Fabulous fruit, concentrated yet with the elegance for which Font de Michelle is famed. 2019–2028.	£93
116 RH39491	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Bosquet des Papes *</b> Traditional, generous and full-bodied Châteauneuf, dark, spicy and long and including in the blend the old vines of grenache that in most vintages are turned into a separate cuvée. 2017–2026.	£95
117 RH39501	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Crau de Ma Mère, Mayard *</b> The Mayard family, a brother and two sisters, run an important estate in Châteauneuf with vines on some vineyard plots including the Plateau of La Crau. Mostly grenache but with 20% mourvèdre which brings fat and spice. A lovely 2013. 2017–2025.	£99
118 RH39511	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Cèdres, Paul Jaboulet Aîné *</b> Jaboulet now own vineyards in Châteauneuf and that has helped them raise quality. Les Cèdres, a long standing cuvée in their portfolio, has clearly benefited. This is a lovely Châteauneuf, fine and generous, yet not too heavy and with some complexity which will intensify with age. 2017–2027.	£102
119 RH39521	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mourre des Perdrix, Domaine de Charbonnière *</b> A great line up from this estate with this cuvée especially good; 60% grenache with a large amount of syrah, with cinsault, counoise and white grapes in support. Very full and rich. 2017–2025.	£125
120 RH39531	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Piedlong, Brunier *</b> This is a new wine from the Vieux Télégraphe stable and comes from two plots of very old vines, one being Piedlong itself, the other on Pignan, near Rayas. Daniel Brunier explained just how wonderful these two plots are, both very stony and continuously swept by strong winds. Grenache is king here and accounts for 90% of the blend with the rest mourvèdre. Concentration and complexity. 2021–2032.	£128
121 RH39541	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Quartz, Clos du Caillou</b> 15% syrah in this cuvée deepens the colour and accentuates the sense of structure. More obviously backward than the Réserve. Dark fruit, kirsch, spice and herbs. Very powerful indeed. 2020–2030.	£175
122 RH39551	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Chaupin, Domaine de la Janasse</b> Full and spicy in 2013, this is nearly 100% grenache, mostly from north-facing slopes, and raised in barrels of different sizes. 2020–2033.	£175
123 RH38261	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe</b> One of the stars from Châteauneuf, bold, concentrated and long. For Daniel Brunier this vintage could be compared to 2001 or, going back further in time, 1981 which was a fine Châteauneuf vintage. 2022–2035. <i>Magnums and Halves available.</i>	£180



Cool mountain breezes play an essential role in Gigondas and contribute to finesse and balance



Bush-trained grenache, the mainstay of vineyards in the southern Rhône

Ref		Six	Dozen
124	RH39561 <b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel</b> 2013 will be a Beaucastel vintage to remember for its lower amount of grenache and the dominance of the mourvèdre grape. There is a little less colour maybe, a good deal of tannin and an accent on spicy fruit. 2022–2035. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£215	–
125	RH38141 <b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Clos des Papes, Avril</b> With yields of only 13.5hl/ha, this is a third of what it should be and the lowest yields on record with grenache particularly affected. As a result grenache represents just over half the blend with more mourvèdre coming in to compensate, which it does admirably, resulting in a typically multi-dimensional range of flavours, with liquorice and kirsch. There is weight, fat and length and a texture that will go silky with age. Outstanding. 2019–2036.	£245	–
126	RH39581 <b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes, Domaine de la Janasse</b> Big, multi-dimensional and imposing red. Fabulously concentrated and long with bags of flavour: Figs and spices. 2021–2036.	£263	–
127	RH39571 <b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve, Clos du Caillou</b> Potent blend of very ripe grenache and mourvèdre, spicy, bright red fruits and great length. 2019–2032.	£305	–

## CABERNET-DOMINATED WINES OF THE SOUTH

We pulled out this small section of cabernet sauvignon-dominated wines as the great grape variety of the Médoc does so well in the South of France. It took full advantage of the typically long Indian summer in 2013.

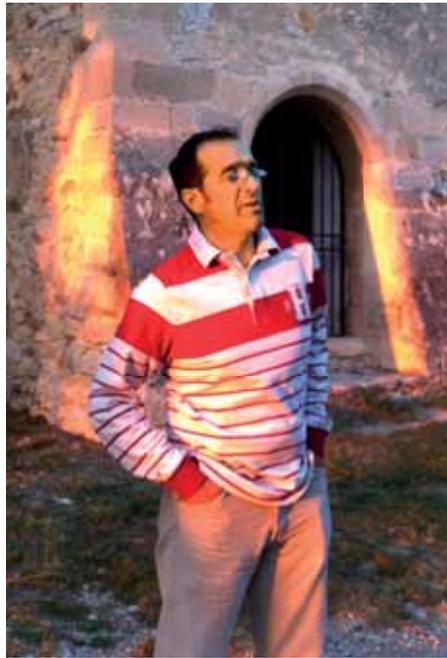
128	FC27321 <b>Cabernet de l'Arjolle</b> The Teisserenc family has two great assets: a mature stock of cabernet vines and a mastery of barrel ageing. The lateness of the vintage has made sure that the flavours are intense and persistent. Lovely polish too. 2016–2021.	–	£72
129	FC27331 <b>Domaine de Perdiguier Cuvée en Auger, Vin de Pays des Coteaux d'Ensérune*</b> Ripe cabernet-merlot blend from just outside Béziers. The castle is real, obviously there to defend a crossing over the river Orb. The wine has grace, refinement and length. 2016–2024. <i>Magnums available.</i>	–	£82
130	FC27211 <b>Mas de Daumas Gassac</b> Elegance, restraint and class are the hallmarks of this great Languedoc cabernet-based red. 2013 was the latest picked vintage at Daumas Gassac with the last of the cabernets picked in October. There is a wonderful quality to the fruit here and great length too in a vintage set to keep over many years. 2019–2032. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£105	–
131	RH39861 <b>Domaine de Trévallon, Bouches du Rhône</b> From a visionary estate in Provence on the edge of the Alpilles and Les Baux, this is a 50:50 blend of syrah and cabernet sauvignon. Finely wrought, elegant and very long, Trévallon always needs time to come round. 2020–2035. <i>Magnums available.</i>	£128	–



The department border on the way to Emmanuel Bouchard's Val des Rois in Valreas



Elise Gaillard deeply coloured Banyuls



Louis Barruol of St Cosme, made exquisite white Hermitage, see page 19



Pierre Clavel delicious Pic St Loup

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

## LANGUEDOC AND ROUSSILLON REDS

The vintage here was equally late and grenache equally shy but carignan, syrah and mourvèdre all thrived. The wines tend to be deeply coloured and intense.

Ref		Six	Dozen
I32 FC27371	<b>Pic Saint Loup Bonne Pioche, Domaine Pierre Clavel *</b> Very full and generously flavoured red made by this one-time goatherd. Sheep are often seen about at the estate which, at the end of a prodigiously long driveway, is wonderfully remote. The wines are without pretence and are delicious. 2016–2021.	–	<b>£75</b>
I33 FC27341	<b>Corbières, Château d'Aussières</b> This is Lafite in Corbières, with a state-of-the-art cellar on an important estate owned by Baron Eric de Rothschild. The yields were very low in 2013 with almost no grenache. The result is that this vintage is largely syrah. Spice, blackberry and elegance. 2016–2021.	<b>£54</b>	–
I34 FC27421	<b>Faugères Maison Jaune, Domaine Alquier *</b> Syrah-grenache blend aged in old barrels. Burgundian elegance here. Bright cherry red, very fine and very long. Keeps well as the 2006 vintage currently shows. 2017–2024.	<b>£56</b>	–
I35 FC27351	<b>Collioure Majenca, Domaine Madeloc</b> Ripe, sumptuous red from beautiful seaside Collioure. We blended our own cuvée with Elise Gaillard and we used all the carignan that she made. Full, rich, spicy and generous. 2016–2021.	<b>£58</b>	–
I36 FC27361	<b>Montpeyroux, Coteaux du Languedoc La Jasse, Domaine la Jasse-Castel</b> Légion d'Honneur-awarded Pascale Rivière made some of her best wines ever in 2013. They seem to have more fruit and vitality. La Jasse is syrah-dominated, dark and savoury. 2017–2023.	<b>£60</b>	–
I37 FC27391	<b>Banyuls Cirera, Domaine Madeloc</b> Early bottled style of Banyuls from old grenache vines. Deeply coloured ripe fruit, sweet with a touch of spice. With age this will take on chocolate-like flavours itself and is a must for all things chocolate-based. 2016–2026.	<b>£65</b>	–
I38 FC27381	<b>Corbières-Boutenac Atal Sia, Château Ollieux-Romanis</b> From a new appellation in the Languedoc, a sort of Corbières cru, this is carignan-dominated and unoaked meaning that more time will be needed. Very dark with great depth, persistent finish and a flavour of tar, spice and dark fruit. 2018–2028.	<b>£66</b>	–
I39 FC27431	<b>Coteaux du Languedoc, Prieuré Saint Jean de Bébian *</b> One of the great Midi estates, started by someone who had the vision to create a Châteauneuf-style wine in the Languedoc. This is a blend of grenache, syrah and mourvèdre. Great depth and character in 2013. The syrah from old vines was especially good. 2017–2029.	<b>£71</b>	–

**M** indicates magnums available – see order form for prices. \*These wines feature in mixed cases on pages 20 and 21.

Ref		Six
140 FC27401	<b>Minervois Grand Vin, Château Sainte Eulalie *</b> In some ways this is similar to Ollieux-Romanis' delicious Atal Sia: no oak, but a deliciously pure expression of fruit instead. 50% syrah, with the remainder comprising carignan and grenache. Very fine and elegant in the low-yielding 2013. 2017–2027.	<b>£73</b>
141 FC27411	<b>Corbières Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis *</b> The blend is similar to the Atal Sia but the élevage is different, as here the wine is raised in barrel. More evident concentration, more obvious weight and ready to drink sooner. Succulent and sweetly flavoured. 2016–2026.	<b>£73</b>
142 FC27451	<b>Coteaux du Languedoc Puech Noble, Rostaing</b> René Rostaing is not a master of syrah for nothing so syrah accounts for about 70% of the blend. He also loves the mourvèdre grape which couldn't ripen as far north as Côte-Rôtie; so he bought a vineyard near Nîmes and here makes a rich, full-flavoured Languedoc red. Stylish in 2013. 2016–2026.	<b>£73</b>
143 FC27441	<b>Faugères Les Bastides, Domaine Alquier</b> One of the great wines of the Languedoc, made with 75% syrah and 25% grenache. This has lots of old vines and very competent ageing in new barrel. Very dark, intense, powerful yet wonderfully elegant too. 2018–2030.	<b>£80</b>
144 FC27461	<b>Côtes du Roussillon Villages Vieilles Vignes, Domaine Gauby</b> Gérard Gauby has evolved his wines 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 too. Small Austrian oak vats are used, which don't mask the flavour or quality of the fruit. Elegant and refined with persistent length of flavour. 2017–2025.	<b>£110</b>
145 FC27471	<b>Côtes du Roussillon Villages Muntada, Domaine Gauby</b> What makes this different are 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. The 2013 has very little grenache, so more carignan. 2017–2027.	<b>£260</b>

## THE WHITES

A really great white vintage. Just as last year there is emphasis on freshness and that was thanks to the cool summer nights and the lateness of the harvest. But the yields were very small and the wines have much more intensity and concentration as a result.

146 RH38281	<b>Domaine Marthouret Viognier, Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes</b> Pascal Marthouret's cellars are off the beaten track in the Ardèche. He makes lovely full-flavoured viognier from low-yielding vines on well-placed, steep granite slopes. The 2013 is all crushed pear and ripe apricot and has easy charm. 2015–2017.	<b>£53</b>
147 RH39601	<b>Crozes-Hermitage Blanc Terres Blanches, Domaine Belle</b> Made from 70% marsanne and 30% roussanne with half aged in oak, this has finesse and concentration of flavour and will be lovely from next summer. 2015–2020.	<b>£60</b>
148 RH39611	<b>Saint-Joseph Blanc, Jean-Louis Chave</b> Most of the white comes from the Clos l'Arbalestrier where there are centuries-old marsanne vines. The 2013 is full-flavoured, rich and long but with an enlivening seam of freshness. 2015–2023.	<b>£60</b>
149 RH39591	<b>La Rosine Viognier, Domaine Ogier</b> A lovely fresh-tasting viognier from a vineyard just outside the Condrieu appellation. Will be perfect this year. 2015–2018.	<b>£61</b>
150 RH39651	<b>Saint-Péray Les Bialères, Vins de Vienne *</b> A lovely northern Rhône white for early drinking. Round and gentle with hints of citrus and honey. 2015–2019.	<b>£63</b>
151 RH39631	<b>Saint-Péray Version, François Villard</b> Lovely, lemony white Rhône made from 95% marsanne with a little roussanne. This is clean, crisp and fresh. 2015–2018.	<b>£65</b>

Ref		Three	Six	
152	RH39621	<b>Contour Deponcins Viognier, Domaine Villard *</b> A lovely viognier made using some east-facing plots and so not part of the Condrieu appellation. These are blended with young Condrieu. The 2013 includes some fruit affected by noble rot to give a richer feel with more weight. Apricots and cream! 2015–2017.	–	<b>£68</b>
153	RH39641	<b>Crozes-Hermitage Mule Blanche, Paul Jaboulet Aîné *</b> Lovely fruit, crisp, clean and refreshing but you do feel the concentration of the small crop. 2015–2018.	–	<b>£73</b>
154	RH39681	<b>Saint-Joseph Couronne de Chabot, Alléno and Chapoutier *</b> From a joint venture between maverick Michel Chapoutier and three-star chef Yannick Alléno, this is a lovely, full-flavoured and gently honeyed white Saint-Joseph. 2015–2021.	–	<b>£93</b>
155	RH39661	<b>Saint-Péray Prestige, Domaine du Tunnel</b> There are 100-year-old marsanne vines at the base of this lovely Saint-Péray. Well-crafted to keep its freshness and finesse. 2016–2022.	–	<b>£95</b>
156	RH39671	<b>Saint-Péray Les Figuiers, Domaine Bernard Gripa</b> 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. Long, full-flavoured with plenty of matter. 2015–2023.	–	<b>£103</b>
157	RH39701	<b>Condrieu, Domaine Pichon *</b> Very low yields produced a viognier with rare balance and concentration of flavour with fragrance and length to match. Delightful! 2015–2020.	–	<b>£108</b>
158	RH39751	<b>Condrieu Combe de Malleval, Domaine Ogier *</b> Lovely full-flavoured viognier from vines planted up a narrow valley past the pretty medieval village of Malleval. 2015–2018.	–	<b>£108</b>
159	RH39691	<b>Saint-Péray, Fleur du Crussol, Domaine Vogé</b> Made from 80% very old marsanne vines with a little roussanne, fermented and then aged briefly in oak. This is a very small cuvée in 2013, but it is fine, concentrated and long. 2016–2021.	–	<b>£110</b>
160	FC27481	<b>Domaine Gauby, Vieilles Vignes</b> Declared as a Vin de Pays for the sake of simplicity, this is a fine, dry and persistently long white with northern freshness. The majority grape is macabeu, which in Rioja is known as viura. Long, mineral and concentrated. 2015–2023.	–	<b>£113</b>
161	RH39741	<b>Taburnum Collines Rhodaniennes, Vins de Vienne</b> Barrel-fermented viognier from outside the city of Vienne, this is Condrieu like but more mineral and not quite so opulent. 2016–2020.	–	<b>£135</b>
162	RH39711	<b>Condrieu Grand Vallon, Domaine Villard *</b> Full-flavoured, structured Condrieu that in this vintage will definitely repay a little patience. Creamy with great length. 2016–2020.	–	<b>£143</b>
163	RH39721	<b>Condrieu Chéry, Domaine Niero *</b> Chéry is one of the best slopes for Condrieu and always makes a wine with both body and finesse. The 2013, with more fat and concentration, was bottled late, just after the 2014 harvest and clearly benefited from added time on the lees. Absolutely sumptuous! 2015–2020.	–	<b>£143</b>
164	RH39731	<b>Condrieu Chéry, Domaine Perret</b> The bad news is that yields were seriously down in this vintage as is our allocation which explains the three-bottle case. The good news is that it is one of André Perret's best vintages to date. Fabulous Condrieu. 2016–2021. <i>Will be packed in threes only.</i>	<b>£74</b> 3 bottles	–
165	RH39771	<b>Saint-Joseph Lieu Dit Saint-Joseph, Guigal</b> Impressive, weighty marsanne from very old vines and from the slope that gave the appellation its name. Ample, oaky and rich. 2016–2025.	–	<b>£150</b>

Ref		Six
166 RH39761	<b>Hermitage Blanc La Pierrelle, Château de Saint Cosme *</b> Louis Barruol made just one barrel of this exquisitely fine white Hermitage, 100% marsanne from the eastern part of Hermitage from where the best whites come. Very fine and long. 2016–2030.	<b>£153</b>
167 RH38191	<b>Saint-Joseph Blanc Granits, Chapoutier</b> Fragrant, refined marsanne from vines growing on very steep south-facing slopes to the south of Tournon. Ageing was half done in tank and half in barrel. Hints of lemon and honeysuckle. 2017–2030.	<b>£158</b>
168 RH39801	<b>Condrieu Deponcins, Domaine Villard</b> 'Glorious' was the adjective I used in my tasting note when tasting this exceptional viognier back in September. There is a lot of extract here and great weight of fruit. 2016–2022.	<b>£163</b>
169 RH39821	<b>Hermitage Chante-Alouette, Chapoutier</b> Glorious white Hermitage. Very rich, unctuous, golden and ripe tasting, yet with enough grip to give it lift. Hints of mirabelle with lemon and honey. 2018–2030.	<b>£170</b>
170 RH38151	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc, Clos des Papes</b> Unusual for Clos des Papes as, just like for the red grenache noir, there is less grenache blanc this year. With more bouboulenc and picpoul in the blend, the accent is more on the freshness. Clean, crisp and long. Almost riesling-like. 'For once, I've made a wine to go with shellfish!' exclaimed Vincent Avril. 2015–2025.	<b>£173</b>
171 RH38251	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Blanc</b> Delightful white Châteauneuf in a vintage that produced whites that have freshness and fruit. This has some weight and very long finish with hints of honeysuckle and hazelnut. 2015–2023.	<b>£175</b>
172 RH39791	<b>Condrieu Domaine des Grands Amandiers, Paul Jaboulet Aîné *</b> Only 500 litres of this was made in 2013 but good it certainly is. Refined and fruity with hints of apricot and crushed pear. 2016–2022.	<b>£198</b>
173 RH39811	<b>Condrieu La Bonnette, Domaine Rostaing *</b> Not a trace of heaviness in René Rostaing's take on the viognier grape. Great elegance and delicacy. And great purity of fruit too. 2015–2020.	<b>£205</b>
174 RH39781	<b>Hermitage Domaine des Tourettes, Delas</b> Tiny yields have produced an Hermitage with a lot of concentration and matter. Rich, citrus and honey with plenty of fat. 2017–2027.	<b>£220</b>
175 RH39831	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château de Beaucastel</b> Made from 80% roussanne, 15% grenache and 5% of everything else, this is a very fine white Beaucastel. As ever, it is multi-dimensional, with lemons and honey to the fore. Drink young on delivery in 2015 to 2017 or keep to 2020–2028.	<b>£225</b>
176 RH39841	<b>Condrieu La Doriane, Guigal</b> Marcel and Philippe Guigal are gradually acquiring some great slopes in Condrieu and have just added some Coteau de Vernon to their portfolio. This adds structure to their top Condrieu which is rich, dry and opulent. 2016–2023.	<b>£305</b>
177 RH39851	<b>Châteauneuf-du-Pape Vieilles Vignes, Château de Beaucastel</b> 100% roussanne. Rich, decadent and a great food wine. This can be enjoyed young though the oak will be marked. Can be drunk early from the autumn but its true greatness only reveals itself after many more years in bottle. 2020–2030.	<b>£375</b>
178 RH38181	<b>Ermitage Blanc de l'Orée, Chapoutier</b> Made from 100% old vines of marsanne grown on the chalkier, eastern part of Hermitage, this is a rich, unctuous white Rhône, multi-layered with flavours of hazelnut, citrus and honeysuckle. Exquisite, fat and very long. 2018–2030.	<b>£410</b>

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## MIXED CASES

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### 179. 2013 GOOD VALUE RHONE VILLAGES

*Drinking Window: 2016–2021†*

#### **OC3696 at £69**

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

Laudun, Château Courac

Lirac, Château Mont-Redon

Vinsobres Altitude, Domaine Jaume

Plan de Dieu, Château Saint-Jean

Cairanne Peyre Blanche, Perrin Frères

Rasteau, Domaine la Soumade

### 180. 2013 SOUTHERN BELLES

*Drinking Window: 2019–2023†*

#### **OC3706 at £126**

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

Vinsobres Référence, Domaine Jaume

Rasteau La Ponce, Domaine des Escaravilles

Vacqueyras Saint Roch, Clos des Cazaux

Séguret Grande Réserve, Domaine de Mourchon

Gigondas Moulin de la Gardette, Ventabren

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Cèdres, Paul Jaboulet Aîné

### 181. 2013 CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

*Drinking Window: 2021–2025†*

#### **OC3716 at £106**

*A six-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:*

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Château Mont-Redon

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine Font de Michelle

Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Bosquet des Papes

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Crau de Ma Mère, Mayard

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Mourre des Perdrix,  
Domaine de Charbonnière

Châteauneuf-du-Pape Piedlong, Brunier

### 182. 2013 CROZES-HERMITAGE

*Drinking Window: 2019–2022†*

#### **OC3736 at £141**

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

Crozes-Hermitage Meysonniers, Chapoutier

Crozes-Hermitage, Nicolas Perrin

Crozes-Hermitage, Château de Saint Cosme

Crozes-Hermitage Palignons, Vins de Vienne

Crozes-Hermitage Domaine des Grands Chemins,  
Delas

Crozes-Hermitage Domaine de Thalabert,  
Paul Jaboulet Aîné

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## MIXED CASES

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### 183. 2013 TOP LANGUEDOC REDS

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*Drinking Window: 2017–2021†*

#### **OC3746 at £120**

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

Domaine de Perdiguier Cuvée en Auger,  
Vin de Pays des Coteaux d'Ensérune  
Faugères Maison Jaune, Domaine Alquier  
Coteaux du Languedoc, Prieuré Saint Jean de Bébian  
Minervois Grand Vin, Château Sainte Eulalie  
Corbières Cuvée Or, Château Ollieux-Romanis  
Pic Saint Loup Bonne Pioche, Domaine Pierre Clavel

### 184. 2013 COTE-ROTIE CASE

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*Drinking Window: 2019–2026†*

#### **OC3756 at £171**

*A six-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:*

Côte-Rôtie, Nicolas Perrin  
Côte-Rôtie Côte Brune, Domaine Barge  
Côte-Rôtie La Germiné, Duclaux  
Côte-Rôtie Galets Blonds, Domaine Villard  
Côte-Rôtie Les Jumelles, Paul Jaboulet Aîné  
Côte-Rôtie Rochains, Domaine Garon

### 185. 2013 CONDRIEU

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*Drinking Window: 2016–2018†*

#### **OC3766 at £154**

*A six-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:*

Condrieu, Domaine Pichon  
Condrieu Combe de Malleval, Domaine Ogier  
Condrieu Grand Vallon, Domaine Villard  
Condrieu Chéry, Domaine Niero  
Condrieu Domaine des Grands Amandiers,  
Paul Jaboulet Aîné  
Condrieu La Bonnette, Domaine Rostaing

### 186. 2013 CLASSIC WHITE RHONE

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*Drinking Window: 2016–2017†*

#### **OC3776 at £96**

*A six-bottle case containing a bottle of each of the following:*

Saint-Péray Les Bialères, Vins de Vienne  
Contour Deponcins Viognier, Domaine Villard  
Crozes-Hermitage Mule Blanche, Paul Jaboulet Aîné  
Saint-Joseph Couronne de Chabot,  
Alléno & Chapoutier  
Condrieu, Domaine Pichon  
Hermitage Blanc La Pierrelle,  
Château de Saint Cosme

† 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.

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## 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 (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.

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### What the price includes

- Prices shown include delivery to a UK address. They do not include excise duty or VAT (currently £24.60 duty per 12 75cl-bottle case, £12.30 per six-bottle case and 20% VAT payable on wine and duty).
- When the wines arrive in Stevenage (**expected to be autumn 2015 for the whites and spring 2016 for the reds**) members will be given three options:
  - To take delivery of the wines. Duty and VAT will be payable immediately.
  - To store the wines in duty-paid Members' Reserves. Again, duty and VAT will be payable immediately.
  - To store the wines in our new 'in-bond' Reserves area. With this option, duty and VAT will only be payable (at the prevailing rate) when the wines are finally withdrawn\*.

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\* Unless you are exporting the wines or transferring them to another in-bond storage facility – for which a small administration charge would be payable.

### 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, six, or three bottles as indicated.
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