RHÔNE 2016
AN EARLY TASTE OF ONE OF THE GREAT VINTAGES
EVERYDAY DRINKING FROM £7.50
The First Pick from One of the Great Rhône Vintages

I urge you not to miss the chance to taste this vintage. Very rarely have I seen elegance and concentration come together in such a stunning way as in the 2016 Rhônes. The region has been blessed with a number of fantastic years in recent times, but 2016 really is something extra special. In fact, I would probably have to go back to 1990 to find a vintage of similar quality.

Success was evenly spread across the region, and quality shines from the humblest Côtes-du-Rhônes up to the mightiest Châteauneuf-du-Papes. This vintage had everything that mattered and at the right time, giving us a remarkable collection of wines with sleek lines, ripeness, vibrancy and juicy fruit flavours in abundance.

Our en primeur offer (currently available online until 20th February) features the cream of this irresistible harvest to enjoy over many years. Here, though, you’ll find my pick of the bunch ready for you to drink this spring and summer: Côtes-du-Rhônes from some of our best growers, some grander reds that are already perfect for you to uncork and enjoy, and some of my favourite white wines, which were yet another success story in 2016.

Marcel Orford-Williams

Society Buyer

**REDs**

**Grignan-les-Adhémar, Delas 2016**

This wine has gained a loyal following among members, who’ve spotted its ability to offer exceptional everyday drinking for a keen price. In this outstanding year, this mix of grenache and syrah is all the more unmissable. 13.5%

ref ER-RH47081 £7.50 bottle £90 dozen

**Domaine de l’Ameillaud, IGP Orange Vaucluse 2016**

This domaine is owned and run by a Franco-English husband-and-wife team who have been making wines here for over three decades. In this wonderful year, their red offers bags of character, fruit and body, yet all in balance. A fantastic wine for less than £8. 14.5%

ref ER-RH47761 £7.50 bottle £90 dozen

**The Society’s Côtes-du-Rhône 2016**

The cool mountain breezes in Vinsobres helped contain some of the ardour of this exceptional vintage. Our ripe, full-bodied grenache-syrah blend is therefore both fruity and fresh, not to mention a superb-value buy. 14%

ref ER-RH47091 £7.75 bottle £93 dozen

**Côtes-du-Rhône Rive Droite, Rive Gauche 2016**

A stunning, fruit-forward wine but with a fresh feel in spite of its obvious strength. The name was conjured up because the fruit is sourced from both banks of the Rhône, with the grenache coming mainly from the left bank and the syrah from the well-placed village of Daumazan, near Tavel. A bargain. 14.5%

ref ER-RH47061 £7.75 bottle £93 dozen

**KEY**

- bone dry to intensely sweet
- screwcap - synthetic closure
- new vintage

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**Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine du Séminaire 2016**

This is a lovely grenache and syrah mix from the area around Valréas, at the heart of black-truffle country. Nothing remotely mushroomy here though! This is black, spicy and fruity with hints of ripe blackberry, and very successful in this vintage. 14%

ref ER-RH47801 £7.95 bottle £95 dozen

**Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine Jaume 2016**

Domaine Jaume has been supplying The Wine Society with Côtes-du-Rhône since 1981 and has produced a delicious wine in this vintage. This blend of grenache and syrah with a little mourvèdre tastes round and fruity, yet full-flavoured, with a touch of spice. 14%

ref ER-RH47071 £8.25 bottle £99 dozen

**Costières de Nîmes, La Ciboise, Chapoutier 2016**

Chapoutier is one of many to have excelled in the 2016 vintage, and this gorgeous fruity, vibrant and full-bodied grenache-syrah blend from the stony plateau south of Nîmes shows what the combination of a great vintage and a great winemaker can deliver. 14.5%

ref ER-RH47051 £8.25 bottle £99 dozen

**Ventoux Les Traverses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016**

Almost all grenache in this superb vintage, with splashes of other varieties including syrah seasoning the wine with freshness and flavour. Cool breezes coming off the mountain give Ventoux’s wines an attractive and juicy fruit flavour in 2016. 13.5%

ref ER-RH47581 £8.25 bottle £99 dozen

**NEW Château Sainte Estève, Rondoletto, IGP Méditerranée 2016**

The secret behind this attractively refreshing light-tasting red is the addition of cinsault to an otherwise grenache-syrah blend, giving the wine a vibrant, fresh fruity lift. Small wonder that owner Marc François serves this harmonious red to visitors at his Liszt recitals at the château! 12.5%

ref ER-RH47901 £9.25 bottle £111 dozen

**NEW Château de Roccaste, Domaine Roche 2016**

A northern Rhône syrah with some of the fruit from Cornas and Saint-Joseph. Partly raised in foudre cask, this has the polish of something grander but with the vibrant, open fruit of youth, an irresistible combination. Now to 2021. 12.5%

ref ER-RH47271 £10.95 bottle £131 dozen

**NEW Gamay, Domaine Cuilleron 2016**

The gamay grape of Beaujolais fame used to be more planted in the Rhône. This one comes from Saint-Joseph country. A full-flavoured, rustic country red that will do justice to a plate of charcuterie. 12.5%

ref ER-RH47571 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen

**NEW Ferraton Syrah, Vin de Pays de l’Ardèche 2016**

A northern Rhône syrah with some of the fruit coming from slopes around the hallowed vineyards of Cornas and Saint-Joseph. Partly raised in foudre cask, this has the polish of something grander but with the vibrant, open fruit of youth, an irresistible combination. Now to 2021. 12.5%

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Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine l’Abbé Dine 2016
Côtes-du-Rhône from an excellent source in Châteauneuf whose old vines, mostly grenache, produce a deliciously full-bodied and richly textured wine. Generously fruity with fig, gentle spice and wild herbs. Now to 2020. 14.5%
ref ER-RH47771 £11.50 bottle £138 dozen

Beaumes de Venise, Grangeneuve, Domaine de Saint Amant 2016
The high-altitude vineyards above Beaumes-de-Venise in the southern Rhône temper the fullness of the vintage with delightful fruity freshness. The blend is half grenache with syrah and 10% each of carignan and viognier and has lovely balance: full-flavoured yet not heavy, with a touch of spice. Now to 2023. 14.5%
ref ER-RH48061 £11.95 bottle £143 dozen

Crozes-Hermitage Les Papillons, Domaine Gilles Robin 2016
Sleek, vibrantly fruity syrah from one of Crozes-Hermitage’s top growers. Made from young vines for early drinking, the 2016 has an abundance of ripe, succulent fruit flavours. Irresistible. Now to 2023. 13%
ref ER-RH47631 £13.95 bottle £167 dozen

Vacqueyras, Domaine Le Colombier 2016
Reids from Vacqueyras often need a little time but, while it will keep, this stunning, sappy, full and fruity example is perfect for drinking young. Bursting with fruity flavours, and topped off with a touch of spice. Now to 2022. 14.5%
ref ER-RH47791 £14.50 bottle £174 dozen

Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Guigal 2016
Dry, fruity, viognier-dominant white with complex flavours of peach, pear, citrus and a touch of honey. Perfect on its own or with a dish of shellfish, for example. 13.5%
ref ER-RH47861 £9.95 bottle £119 dozen

Viognier accounts for 95% of this deliciously fruity wine, but there is a touch of roussanne for added interest too. The high-altitude vines give added freshness and lift to the ripe peach and citrus notes here, making for a delightful spring- or-summer white. Drink this year and next. 13.5%
ref ER-RH46711 £10.95 bottle £131 dozen

Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc L’Abbé Dine, Domaine Clos des Dines 2016
A lovely cuvée made from 100% clairette from vines close to Châteauneuf-du-Pape. A previous generation used to grow asparagus on this plot but somehow growing clairette seems a better option! With enough body and flavour to match a gently chilli-infused dish of squid or tuna, this is a smart buy indeed. Now to 2020. 14%
ref ER-RH47831 £11.95 bottle £143 dozen

Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Domaine de la Grande Romane 2016
A blueprint for a white Gigondas, if such a wine legally existed. This is made from clairette, grown high-up in the hills above Gigondas and, while full-bodied, is never heavy and ideally suited to go with food. Now to 2022. 12.5%
ref ER-RH47821 £12.50 bottle £150 dozen

Saint-Péray ‘La Sauvagère’, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016
Utterly gorgeous marsanne from the northern Rhône. This has freshness, a touch of citrus and blossom and full-flavour. A heavenly wine for seafood. Now to 2021. 13%
ref RH47021 £16 bottle £192 dozen

NEW Lraudun Blanc, Ferraton 2016
A short drive from Lirac, Laudun is gaining a reputation for its white wines and this clever blend – mostly grenache blanc but also including marsanne, roussanne and viognier – delivers a fruit-forward tangy palate with a tropical hint. 14%
ref -RH47281 £9.50 bottle £114 dozen

Whites

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Lirac Blanc La Fermade, Domaine Maby 2016
A wine that never ceases to amaze for its freshness and vitality; full-flavoured yet crisp and refreshing. The secret is the addition of the picpoul grape in the blend, which naturally retains its food-friendly ‘grip’. Now to 2020. 14.5%
ref -RH44201 £10.50 bottle £126 dozen

Viogner, Grignan-les-Adhémar, Domaine de Montine 2016
Creamy, full-flavoured Rhône viognier combining peach and citrus flavours with a hint of vanilla from good use of oak. A fine aperitif, or enjoy with duck pâté maybe. Drink this year and next. 14%
ref ER-RH47841 £10.95 bottle £131 dozen

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NEW Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos du Calvaire 2016
Members may know the Mayards as the source of our Exhibition-label Châteauneuf-du-Pape. In 2016, their gorgeous, full-bodied fruit-forward Clos du Calvaire bottling is so generous that it is already a delight to open with stews or grilled meats. We strongly suggest you do! Now to 2025. 14.5%
ref ER-RH47811 £22.50 bottle £270 dozen


**NEW**

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- **Beaumes de Venise, Grangeneuve, Domaine de Saint Amant 2016**
- **Crozes-Hermitage Les Papillons, Domaine Gilles Robin 2016**
- **Vacqueyras, Domaine Le Colombier 2016**
- **NEW Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Clos du Calvaire 2016**

**WHITES**

- **NEW Laudun Blanc, Ferraton 2016**
- **Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Guigal 2016**
- **Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc ‘La Borry’, Domaine de Saint Amant 2016**
- **Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc L’Abbé Dine, Domaine Clos des Dines 2016**
- **Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Domaine de la Grande Romane 2016**
- **Saint-Péray ‘La Sauvagère’, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016**
- **Lirac Blanc La Fermade, Domaine Maby 2016**
- **Viognier, Grignan-les-Adhémar, Domaine de Montine 2016**
This offer is available until Sunday 11th March, 2018 while stocks last.

**2016 Côtes-du-Rhône Reds £99**
From some of the best producers and one of the best vintages in recent years, an unmissable dozen for drinking now.
A 12-bottle case containing two bottles of each of the following:
- Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine du Séminaire 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône Rive Droite, Rive Gauche 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine Jaume 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine Roche 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône, Clos Romane 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine l’Abbé Dine 2016

**2016 Reds Around the Rhône £99**
A wealth of good-value finds from around the famous Rhône regions, in a vintage such as this, is not to be missed.
A 12-bottle case containing two bottles of each of the following:
- Grignan-les-Adhémar, Delas 2016
- Costières de Nîmes, La Ciboise, Chapoutier 2016
- Ventoux Les Traverses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016
- Ferratton Syrah, Vin de Pays de l’Ardèche 2016
- Château Sainte Estève, Rondoletto, Méditerranée 2016
- Domaine de l’Ameillaud, IGP Orange Vaucluse 2016

**2016 Everyday Rhône Whites £68**
From peach-scented viogniers to food-friendly blends, 2016’s white wines offer perfect balance, and in these bottles, perfect readiness for drinking now!
A six-bottle case containing the following:
- Lirac Blanc La Fermade, Domaine Maby 2016
- Saint-Péray ‘La Sauvagère’, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016
- Laudun Blanc, Ferratton 2016
- Viognier, Grignan-les-Adhémar, Domaine de Montine 2016
- Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Guigal 2016

**2016 Everyday Rhône Mixed Dozen £129**
Get a ready-mixed early taste of one of the great red and white Rhône vintages, ready for you to enjoy this spring and summer.
A 12-bottle case containing one bottle of each of the following:
- Red
  - Costières de Nîmes, La Ciboise, Chapoutier 2016
  - Ventoux Les Traverses, Paul Jaboulet Aîné 2016
  - Vacqueyras, Domaine Le Colombier 2016
  - Côtes-du-Rhône Rive Droite, Rive Gauche 2016
  - Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine Jaume 2016
  - Côtes-du-Rhône, Domaine Roche 2016
  - Crozes-Hermitage Les Papillons, Domaine Gilles Robin 2016
  - Beaumes de Venise, Grangeneuve, Domaine de Saint Amant 2016
- White
  - Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc, Guigal 2016
  - Lirac Blanc La Fermade, Domaine Maby 2016
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