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## **Rhône 2019 En Primeur Offer**

**“The 2019s will be a step up over the 2018s and offer more depth, concentration, and richness, all while showing considerable purity of fruit and elegance.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

**“2019 is clearly a vintage of extremely high quality and marks the fifth straight stellar year for the region. A number of producers who aren’t prone to hyperbole told me they think 2019 and 2015 are the most impressive of this recent run of great years.”**

Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com

**“Some standout wines were produced in 2019, none more so than in Côte Rôtie.”**

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

**“2019 Northern Rhône is an exceptional vintage at Côte-Rôtie, so be ready! There the Syrah wines are full, but have flair, generous delivery, lovely length, real flow, and good structure ... it is a really, really good year. Across the board, it beats 2018. Prepare your finances. You have been warned.”**

John Livingstone-Learmonth, DrinkRhône.com

**“The Southern Rhône Valley continues to produce an amazing number of incredibly delicious, Provençal wines with the 2018 and 2019 vintages.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

**“The wines look extremely promising and show an uncanny blend of depth and vivacity.”**

Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com

**“As in Burgundy, the 2019s, products of a scorching summer, are surprisingly refreshing.”**

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

**“In short, 2019 appears to be a beautiful, possibly exceptional, vintage for the Southern Rhône and is superior to 2018.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

**“The potential quality is high, in some cases exceptionally high.”**

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

**“The opulent and rounded whites exceeded expectations and were of very good quality. The best still maintained freshness alongside honeyed, exotic fruits and generally well-managed oaking.”**

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

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## Availability – Rhône 2019 Reds

| <u>Southern Rhône Reds</u>                        | <u>Origin</u>       | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u>   |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Domaine Martin                                    | Plan de Dieu        | -            | £75 per 12 IB  |
| Famille Perrin 'Les Cornuds'                      | Vinsobres           | -            | £80 per 12 IB  |
| Domaine Martin                                    | Rasteau             | -            | £90 per 12 IB  |
| Domaine Martin                                    | Cairanne            | -            | £95 per 12 IB  |
| Domaine Martin 'Les Sommets de Rasteau VV'        | Rasteau             | -            | £110 per 12 IB |
| Montirius 'Le Village'                            | Vacqueyras          | 15.5 JR      | £125 per 12 IB |
| Coudoulet de Beaucastel                           | Côtes-du-Rhône      | 92 DC        | £140 per 12 IB |
| Famille Perrin 'La Gille'                         | Gigondas            | -            | £150 per 12 IB |
| Montirius 'Jardin Secret'                         | Côtes-du-Rhône      | -            | £150 per 12 IB |
| Domaine Saint Préfert 'Clos Beatus Ille'          | Côtes-du-Rhône      | 90 RP        | £89 per 6 IB   |
| Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés'                    | Gigondas            | -            | £215 per 12 IB |
| Château Sixtine                                   | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 93-95 JD     | £110 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Les Pallières 'Les Racines'               | Gigondas            | 92-94+ JD    | £110 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Les Pallières 'Terrasse du Diable'        | Gigondas            | 91-93+ JD    | £110 per 6 IB  |
| Famille Perrin 'Les Hauts de Julien'              | Vinsobres           | -            | £115 per 6 IB  |
| Montirius 'Le Clos'                               | Vacqueyras          | -            | £245 per 12 IB |
| Domaine Saint Préfert 'Classique'                 | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 91-93 JD     | £185 per 6 IB  |
| Famille Perrin 'Clos des Tourelles'               | Gigondas            | -            | £200 per 6 IB  |
| Famille Perrin 'L'Argnée'                         | Gigondas            | -            | £200 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe 'La Crau'             | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 96-98 JD     | £225 per 6 IB  |
| Château de Beaucastel                             | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 18 JR        | £270 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Saint Préfert 'Réserve Auguste Favier'    | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 95-97 JD     | £275 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'Croix de Bois'                        | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 96-98 JD     | £290 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'Barbe Rac'                            | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 95-97+ JD    | £290 per 6 IB  |
| Clos des Papes                                    | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 98 DC        | £354 per 6 IB  |
| Clos des Papes (150cl)                            | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 98 DC        | £363 per 3 IB  |
| Domaine Saint Préfert 'Collection Charles Giraud' | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 97-99 JD     | £510 per 6 IB  |
| Isabel Ferrando 'Colombis'                        | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 96-99 JD     | £510 per 6 IB  |
| Isabel Ferrando 'F601'                            | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | -            | £445 per 1 IB  |

| <u>Northern Rhône Reds</u>               | <u>Origin</u>             | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u>   |
|--|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères'         | Crozes-Hermitage          | 15.5 JR      | £85 per 6 IB   |
| Stéphane Ogier 'Syrah de Rosine'         | Vin de France             | 90-92 VM     | £170 per 12 IB |
| Domaine Rostaing 'Les Lézardes' Syrah    | Collines Rhodaniennes IGP | 92 DC        | £215 per 12 IB |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Le Grand Courtil' | Crozes-Hermitage          | 15.5 JR      | £120 per 6 IB  |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Patou'            | Cornas                    | 17 JR        | £140 per 6 IB  |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Eygats'       | Cornas                    | 16.5 JR      | £150 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine du Tunnel                        | Cornas                    | 92-94 VM     | £195 per 6 IB  |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux'        | Hermitage                 | 95 DC        | £210 per 6 IB  |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Montmain'         | Côte-Rôtie                | 93 DC        | £210 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Rostaing 'Ampodium'              | Côte-Rôtie                | 17.5+ JR     | £240 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Yann Chave (150cl)               | Hermitage                 | 96 DC        | £295 per 3 IB  |
| Domaine Rostaing 'La Landonne'           | Côte-Rôtie                | 18 JR        | £495 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'Les Greffieux'               | Hermitage                 | 96-98 JD     | £515 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Rostaing 'Côte Blonde'           | Côte-Rôtie                | 95-97 VM     | £850 per 6 IB  |

## Availability – Rhône 2019 Whites

| <u>Southern Rhône Whites</u>                | <u>Origin</u>       | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u>   |
|---|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Guigal                                      | Côtes-du-Rhône      | 90 JD        | £45 per 6 IB   |
| Coudoulet de Beaucastel Blanc               | Côtes-du-Rhône      | 92 DC        | £195 per 12 IB |
| Montirius 'Minéral'                         | Vacqueyras          | -            | £195 per 12 IB |
| Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe 'La Crau' Blanc | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 95 JD        | £195 per 6 IB  |
| Château Sixtine Blanc                       | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 93+ JD       | £110 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine Saint Préfert Blanc                 | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 94 JD        | £255 per 6 IB  |
| Clos des Papes Blanc                        | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 96 DC        | £276 per 6 IB  |
| Château de Beaucastel Blanc                 | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 95 JD        | £280 per 6 IB  |
| Château de Beaucastel 'Roussanne VV'        | Châteauneuf-du-Pape | 99 JD        | £285 per 3 IB  |

| <u>Northern Rhône Whites</u>            | <u>Origin</u>             | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u>   |
|---|---------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Stéphane Ogier 'Viognier de Rosine'     | Collines Rhodaniennes IGP | 91 DC        | £155 per 12 IB |
| Guigal                                  | Crozes-Hermitage          | 16.5 JR      | £90 per 6 IB   |
| Domaine du Tunnel 'Roussanne'           | Saint-Péray               | 92-93 VM     | £130 per 6 IB  |
| Stéphane Ogier 'La Combe de Malleval'   | Condrieu                  | 95 DC        | £165 per 6 IB  |
| Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux' Blanc | Hermitage                 | 17.5+ JR     | £185 per 6 IB  |
| Guigal 'La Doriane'                     | Condrieu                  | 98 JD        | £299 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'Le Méal' Blanc              | Hermitage                 | 100 JD       | £725 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'De L'Orée' Blanc            | Hermitage                 | 100 JD       | £770 per 6 IB  |
| Chapoutier 'L'Ermite' Blanc             | Hermitage                 | 100 JD       | £1780 per 6 IB |

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## Availability – Roussillon 2019

| <u>Roussillon Reds</u>                     | <u>Origin</u>                | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u>  |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Domaine de Bila-Haut 'Vignes de Bila-Haut' | Côtes-du-Roussillon Villages | 92 JD        | £50 per 6 IB  |
| Domaine de Bila-Haut 'Chrysopée' Rouge     | Collioure                    | 93-95 JD     | £170 per 6 IB |
| Domaine de Bila-Haut 'V.I.T.'              | Côtes-du-Roussillon Villages | 94-96+ JD    | £195 per 6 IB |
| Domaine de Bila-Haut 'R.I.'                | Côtes-du-Roussillon Villages | 95-97 JD     | £275 per 6 IB |

| <u>Roussillon Whites</u>                   | <u>Origin</u>                | <u>Score</u> | <u>Price</u> |
|--|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Domaine de Bila-Haut 'Vignes de Bila-Haut' | Côtes-du-Roussillon Villages | 90 JD        | £50 per 6 IB |

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# 2019 Vintage Report

Summer heat is something with which the Rhône valley's growers are very familiar and adept at handling. In 2019 they had plenty of it. It was dry too. Very dry, in fact, but just when panic was about to set in, the heavens opened just enough to refresh the vines and see them through to harvest. There were no disease pressures, with the only cloud on the horizon the one whose hail wiped out a proportion of Crozes-Hermitage on the 15<sup>th</sup> June.

So, we have another top Rhône vintage on our hands, extending the recent run of excellent form. The big questions are "where does the vintage sit alongside the likes of 2015 and 2016?" and "is it a vintage where the North or the South did better?" Ultimately, time will have to be the decider of that. So many of the 2019s show great ageing potential, with substantial ripe tannins wrapping up dense primary fruit, completed by surprisingly fresh acidity given the summer's heat.

While the pandemic put paid to our usual trip to the region, the majority of estates were kind enough to send samples over to us and from these comprehensive tastings, I might be inclined to mark this one down as a vintage where the North has edged it, just. Domaine du Tunnel's Stéphane Robert calls his harvest "extremely high-quality, with both ripeness and high acidity" (Vinous.com), while in a very enlightening Zoom call, Michel Chapoutier pointed out to us that the vintage conditions gave rise to "extraordinarily complex wines" that "bear no signs of the excessive heat of the vintage".

I dare say some of those in the South would take issue with my conclusion. Domaine Saint-Préfert's Isabel Ferrando was delighted with her crop, picking out the grapes' "structure, colour and health", summing up: "In 2019, the perfect sanitary condition of the grapes has allowed the production of highly coloured, smooth and generous red Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines. The whites are rich, full, with a long finish."

The white wines especially benefitted from the vintage's magic combination of ripeness and freshness. The best combine explosive, hedonistic fruit with a backbone of acidity to keep them fresh and focused.

While volumes produced are down in the North, they are up on 2018 in the South and prices are broadly in line with last year, helping to keep the Rhône France's best value Fine Wine region by far. Our primeur offer encompasses a selection of growers that we think really hit the mark, from the astounding value Southern Rhône reds of Domaine Martin to the 'Sélections Parcelles' that mark the very pinnacle of Michel Chapoutier's, and the region's production.

**Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine**  
**4<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

P.S. You may spot an interloper in the offer. Michel Chapoutier's Roussillon outpost Domaine de Bila-Haut more than deserves to be featured alongside this stable's Rhône wines, while stylistically the wines show many similarities. They are therefore included, in their own section.

# Domaine Martin

A big customer favourite and it's no surprise why; the reds produced here are out and out delicious and are offered at exceptionally good prices. This makes them ideal house wines to keep in stock throughout the year.

The 2019 line up from Domaine Martin once again delivered the goods. Typical of the vintage, these are big boned wines jam packed full of ripe fruit. Tannins were big, but also ripe. As is often the case with these wines, by the time they arrive in the UK they will have softened sufficiently to be irresistible without the need for further cellaring, but with a few years' potential should you be so minded.



## Domaine Martin 2019 Plan de Dieu



**£75 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving Mid-2021

"God's plain" is Domaine Martin's home turf and one only has to set foot outside the winery itself to immediately be in these vineyards, blessed not only with a good view of the Mont Ventoux looming ominously in the background, but also with a pebbly soil very similar to that of many parts of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The wine itself is friendly, rounded and fruit driven. It is phenomenal value and an excellent signature of the Domaine.

## Domaine Martin 2019 Rasteau



**£90 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving Mid-2021

A broad palate, jam packed full of bright black and red fruit. This has a serious side, with 30% Syrah and 5% Mourvèdre in the blend, but delivers an awful lot of immediate pleasure. Can age for five years, but don't feel guilty if you pull the cork straight away, as it will deliver right from the off.

## Domaine Martin 2019 Cairanne



**£95 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving Mid-2021

Given 3 to 4 months in barrique after fermentation in concrete, this 65% Grenache, 35% Syrah blend is unmistakably Southern Rhône. Super-ripe fruit is joined by a touch of pepper, spices and hints of Provençal herbs on a palate that makes a real impression.

## Domaine Martin 'Les Sommets de Rasteau' 2019 Rasteau



**£110 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Mid-2021

This is Rasteau with all the dials turned up to eleven! Masses of sweet dark fruit are joined by hulking tannins that promise good ageing potential. At this stage, this is almost challenging to taste, but there is no doubt of the wine's excellent quality, especially so when the price is factored in. For all the weight of fruit, the wine is perfectly balanced, promising an ability to age harmoniously for 5+ years.

# Montirius

*“One of my favorite southern Rhone estates, Montirius, which is run by the passionate Christine and Eric Saurel, fashions classic Gigondas and Vacqueyras from their roughly 143 acres under vine”  
Jeb Dunnuck*

There is a lot to like about Montirius and the wines that are produced there. Run by the charming couple Christine and Eric Saurel and their daughters Justine and Manon, they adopted full biodynamics in 1996 and none of the wines see any oak ageing. No sulphur is added at bottling either, so these are wines where the fruit sings solo, unadulterated by other influences.



The whole range is impressive, showcasing the meticulous attention to detail that is found at many biodynamic estates, but at the top of the tree is the Vacqueyras 'Le Clos' whose clay soils have been analysed and found to be identical to those at Château Petrus (something Petrus's neighbours would kill for) and the Gigondas 'Terre des Aînés'. For something very different, the Bourboulenc-dominant white Vacqueyras 'Minéral' ages beautifully, gaining complexity while maintaining freshness. It's more Rheingau than Rhône!

## Montirius 'Le Village' 2019 Vacqueyras



**£125 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Mid-2021

'Le Village' was another wine from Montirius's line up that was showing very well in our tasting. I could have sworn there was some old oak on used on this wine from how well rounded it is, but there is not. As with all of the estate's wines, the fruit is allowed to express itself unencumbered by wood. Robust tannins and modest alcohol belie the heat of the vintage.

## Montirius 'Jardin Secret' 2019 Côtes-du-Rhône



**£150 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Mid-2021

Not a wine we usually list, but the quality was so good in 2019 we simply could not say no. The texture is just superb, with supple tannins supporting a wine of surprising intensity, with a touch of spice to go with the ripe, succulent fruit. From a plot of 55 year old Grenache vines planted in Sablet, the lack of another grape variety in the blend prevents the wine obtaining the mention 'Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Sablet' on the label, but is absolutely the right decision for this wine.

## Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés' 2019 Gigondas



**£215 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Mid-2021

In many a winemaker's hands the 2019 Terre des Aînés 2019 would have ended up an overblown blockbuster. Not here though. Super-ripe black cherry on the attack promises hedonism at the expense of balance, but the lack of oak helps to keep this nicely in equilibrium. One could even go as far as to call it refreshing, both as a wine and as a take on the Gigondas appellation.

## Montirius 'Le Clos' 2019 Vacqueyras



**£245 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Mid-2021

Without a shadow of a doubt the finest, most complex and most ageworthy Southern Rhône red of the vintage in all the wines we tried outside of the 'big two' of Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Gigondas. Coming from a very special piece of land – blue clay (as found at Château Petrus) on a 8.5ha site complete surrounded by forest. The wine is harmonious, mineral and has a sense of unforced reticence that I associate with many of Burgundy's Grands Crus. This needs and deserves time – maybe eight or so years.



**Montirius  
'Minéral' Blanc 2019  
Vacqueyras**



**£195 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Mid-2021

Mineral by name and mineral by nature! This fresh, delicate Bourboulenc-Grenache Blanc-Roussanne blend brings to mind a young Riesling, but in a somewhat more forgiving style. Like a good Riesling, this is a wine that I know from personal experience vastly improves with age, developing similar petrol-like aromas in fact. Give it four or five years and then team it up with fish for a Rhône white experience quite unlike most others.

## Château Sixtine

*"Jean-Marc is an innovative visionary"*  
**Robert Parker**

The Diffontys are old timers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape it is fair to say, having been settled in the area since the 17th century. They were one of the first to bottle their wine at the estate back in 1902 and in 1992 the property's modern era began when Jean-Marc and his wife Karine took over the reigns. They gradually changed the Domaine's style to suit their tastes, in particular with the introduction to the range of the 'Réserve Sixtine', later renamed simply 'Château Sixtine' – a supercuvée that always offers masses of upfront fruit and body in a framework of exceptionally rounded tannins. Unsurprisingly, this style proved popular with Robert Parker too.



The 2019 vintage played to Château Sixtine's strengths, with both red and white showing even more of the 'wow factor' than usual. More than ever, the combination of quality, enjoyment and value here is in a league of its own.

**Château Sixtine 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£110 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Mid-2021

**93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93 Decanter**

"The flagship (this lineup can be slightly confusing) is the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Chateau Sixtine and it's mostly Grenache with solid amounts of Syrah and Mourvèdre, that's raised in concrete and used barrels. It's another rich yet incredibly polished, seamless barrel sample that has ample blackberry and black raspberry fruits as well as notes of chocolate, cured meats, and spice, full-bodied richness, plenty of polished tannins, and a great finish."  
93-95 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, June 2020

**Château Sixtine Blanc 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£110 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving Mid-2021

**93+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**93 Decanter**

**91+ Robert Parker**

"The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc showed brilliantly and is a step up over the 2018. Made from 100% Roussanne. It shows the more fresh, crisp, elegant style of this white and offers a racy, bouquet, crushed citrus, white, currants, honeysuckle, and a kiss of salty minerality. Beautifully textured, medium to full-bodied and elegant on the palate, it is one classy white that should evolve gracefully for 10 to 15 years if you're so inclined."  
93+ Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, June 2020



## Clos des Papes

***"This is one of the great estates in Chateauneuf du Pape, with a history that dates back to the mid-1700s."  
Robert Parker***

For such a big estate with such a big reputation it is surprising to learn that everything is done here by one man – Paul Avril, although he did admit to getting in a helper at harvest time!

Avril eschews the concept of Supercuvées, with just a single red and white wine produced, so the very best grapes go into the Grands Vins. The results are spectacularly good, age-worthy Châteauneufs.

Avril's mother is from Burgundy, he studied there and he looks to emulate that region's finesse in his wines, something he succeeds in doing, despite the obvious fact that these are much bigger boned wines than anything found in the Côte d'Or.

Trying to produce a style he prefers, rather than chasing critical acclaim, he nonetheless gets it. Frankly, anyone with anything more than a fleeting acquaintance with Châteauneuf-du-Pape can taste that this estate produces some of the appellation's very finest wines.



### **Clos des Papes 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£354 per 6 IB**  
**£363 per 3x150cl IB**  
Drink to 2035+  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**98 Decanter**

**18.5 Jancis Robinson**

"Bright and floral on the nose. The tannins are extremely fine, almost imperceptible, but very much present, giving the wine a strong base for long ageing. It's perfectly balanced, long and deep, resulting in a rich but surprisingly classic vintage of Clos des Papes considering the extreme conditions this year. Rich but bright, very complete and pure with no excesses. Vines are typically 30 to 40 years old, spread across 24 parcels. Matured for 12 months in foudres of at least four years of age. Drinking Window 2029 – 2045."

98 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

### **Clos des Papes Blanc 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£276 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**96 Decanter**

**94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94+ Robert Parker**

"The medium to full-bodied 2019 Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc boasts impressive concentration and richness, allied to terrific freshness and length. As I was tasting it, I kept shaking my head marveling at how this blend of Bourboulenc, Clairette, Grenache Blanc, Picpoul and Roussanne achieved such a wonderful sense of balance. Hints of anise no doubt play a prominent role in achieving this, enlivening the melon and pear that form the wine's core, to be elegantly replaced on the finish by lingering notes of ripe citrus. Certainly this is one of the most impressive whites I can recall tasting from this benchmark estate."

94+ Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com September 2020

## Château de Beaucastel / Famille Perrin

*"Purchasing a wine from this family is about as close to a guarantee of authenticity and high quality as one can expect."*

**Robert Parker**

The Château de Beaucastel estate forms a single 100 hectare+ block right where the Mistral wind funnels into the corner of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. Unusually, there are large plantings of the Mourvèdre grape, shunned by many in Châteauneuf in the past as being unsuitable for the appellation's climate, but increasingly coming into its own with global warming. All 13 permitted grape varieties are grown in fact, vinified separately and then blended to form three of the reference point wines of the Southern Rhône valley – the red and white Grands Vins, plus the separate Roussanne Vieilles Vignes bottling. Part of the estate, but falling on the 'wrong' side of the road that separates the Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Côtes-du-Rhône appellations is the vineyard where the fruit for the outstanding value Coudoulet is grown.



In recent decades the Perrin family have extended their holdings beyond the confines of the Château de Beaucastel estate itself, with wines from Gigondas a particular strength, although as Jeb Dunnuck notes: "in short, this is a brilliant portfolio across the board". 2019 was another strong vintage for this estate, with the wines able to retain classic structures and elegance to go alongside the vintage's natural ripeness.

### Famille Perrin 'Les Cornuds' 2019 Vinsobres



**£80 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving Late 2021

Ripe, but savoury. This red-fruit driven Vinsobres is particularly gourmand with its fresh finish perfectly weighted to match up with food. Great value too.

### Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2019 Côtes-du-Rhône



**£140 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Late 2021

### 92 Decanter

"A well-balanced, perfectly ripe, very fresh expression this year. Fine tannins, with good grip, harmonious acidity and dark streak of concentrated fruit into the finish. You'll be glad you bought some of this. Not hugely deep or hugely complex, but beautifully balanced. 30% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre, 10% Syrah, 10% Cunoise, 10% Vaccarèse/Terret Noir/Muscardin, 3% Cinsault, 7% white varieties. Grenache and Cinsault fermented in cement, Syrah and Mourvèdre fermented in foudre. Drinking Window 2020 - 2024."

92 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

### Famille Perrin 'La Gille' 2019 Gigondas



**£150 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Late 2021

Dark and brooding, with muscular tannins, La Gille shows the serious side of Gigondas in 2019. There is a mineral streak running through the dark fruit. Needs a little time to come out of its shell, but is sure to shine after three or four years in bottle.

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**Famille Perrin  
'Les Hauts de Julien' 2019  
Vinsobres**



**£115 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving Late 2021

This cuvée showcases the very best of what Vinsobres is able to produce and stands head and shoulders above most other wines from the appellation. A Grenache-Syrah blend from 90 year old vines, the sheer concentration here is mightily impressive, as is the ripeness of the fruit. Masses of cassis, with mint from the oak, this is a real wow wine that really showcases what Vinsobres is capable of. A real delight.

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**Famille Perrin  
'L'Argnée' 2019  
Gigondas**



**£200 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Late 2021

A tiny production cuvée made from a sub-one hectare vineyard of low-yielding 100 year old pre-phyloxera vines planted on a sandy mid-slope parcel near to the village of Gigondas itself. The sense of controlled concentration found on this wine is truly mind blowing. A very special wine.

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**Famille Perrin  
'Clos des Tourelles' 2019  
Gigondas**



**£200 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Late 2021

Domaine du Clos des Tourelles is in our view of equal standing to the Perrin's more famous Château de Beaucastel. One of the finest expressions of the Gigondas appellation, the fruit for this wine comes from the limestone and sandy soils surrounding the building itself, on the edge of the village centre. Concentrated, yet refined.

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**Château de Beaucastel 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£270 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2036  
Arriving Late 2021

**18 Jancis Robinson**

**96 Decanter**

"Cask sample, tasted at the domaine. What a stunning nose! Piercingly fresh and expressive notes of violet, garrigue and black-olive tapenade. Defined tannins support the fresh zesty mid palate and is all beautifully encased in a toasty cape of dark fruit.

Drink 2024– 2032."

18 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

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**Coudoulet de Beaucastel  
Blanc 2019  
Côtes-du-Rhône**



**£195 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Late 2021

**92 Decanter**

"There's a gentle headiness, a slight exoticism to the 2019 Coudoulet blanc. A little banana to the pear fruit. Rounded, full-bodied but a good sense of freshness. The bitterness is a little more pronounced this year, but still works well structurally. Gently oily, but there's a keen steeliness even if the acidity is only moderate. Has some serious presence for a Côtes-du-Rhône. Also contains 25% Marsanne. Drinking Window 2020 - 2023."

92 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

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**Château de Beaucastel  
Blanc 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£280 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving Late 2021

**95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**17+ Jancis Robinson**

**94 Decanter**

“While the old-vine Roussanne cuvée from this estate gets all the attention from collectors, don’t make the mistake of discounting their classic Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc. The 2019 reveals a lighter gold hue as well as a beautiful and classic bouquet of honeyed citrus, quince, white flowers, bee’s wax, and a touch of flinty minerality. Playing in the medium to full-bodied end of the spectrum, it has flawless balance, nicely integrated acidity, and a great, minerally finish. You can enjoy bottles today with a decant or cellar for two to three decades, if you’re so inclined.”  
95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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**Château de Beaucastel  
‘Roussanne Vieilles Vignes’  
2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£285 per 3 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Late 2021

**99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95 Decanter**

**18.5+ Jancis Robinson**

“One of my favorite whites in the world is the old vine Roussanne cuvée from Beaucastel, which comes from a single 3-hectare parcel just outside the domaine, in the northern, cooler part of Châteauneuf du Pape. The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes is another thrilling example of Roussanne and offers a vivid gold hue as well as gorgeous notes of white currants, honeysuckle, white flowers, crushed stone, and hints of gunpowder. With beautiful freshness, full-bodied richness, and ample power, it’s unquestionably the Montrachet of the Southern Rhône and a magical white. You can safely drink bottles anytime over the coming decade, then it’s best forgotten until around 20 years after the vintage.”  
99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

## Domaine Yann Chave

***"I continue to love these wines from Yann Chave. Owning a small four acres in Hermitage (all in Beaume and Peleat) and just over 37 acres in Crozes Hermitage, most around the village of Mercurol, he makes a rock-solid white and two reds from Crozes Hermitage (the le Rouvre being the top cuvee) and a small amount of Hermitage. They're all loaded with character and highly recommended."***

**Jeb Dunnuck**

An organic Domaine, based in Crozes-Hermitage and focussing on the production only of this appellation and neighbouring Hermitage itself, Yann Chave have been a mainstay of our Rhône range for several years now. Both of his Crozes-Hermitage cuvées use oak to good effect, but these are not overly heavy wines. That elegance that is necessary in the Northern Rhône is very much in evidence here, with trademark black pepper in abundance. In short, if you want to introduce a Rhône newcomer to the wines of Crozes-Hermitage, start with these well-made, textbook examples.

Chave's 2019s were magnificent when we tried them, capturing all of the vintage's potential. Josh Reynolds suggest this year's 'Le Rouvre' "might turn out to be the best version of this bottling I have ever experienced" and we would not digress from this opinion. That said, the Hermitage was, in contrast to last year, a real step up nonetheless. Such a brilliant wine that we are offering in magnums this year to best suit its aging ability.



### Domaine Yann Chave 2019 Hermitage



**£295 per 3x150cl IB**  
Drink to 2032+  
Arriving Spring 2021

**96 Decanter**

**94-96 Vinous**

**17.5+ Jancis Robinson**

"A complex bouquet evokes ripe blackberry, cherry compote, licorice and violet, energized by a spicy cracked pepper nuance. Broad and fleshy in the mouth, offering densely packed, smoke-tinged black/blue fruit, exotic spice and floral pastille flavors that pick up a minerally nuance as the wine opens up. Shows superb delineation and spicy lift on a long, silky finish framed by steadily building tannins. There were five demi-muids of this wine in 2019, all of them new."  
94-96 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

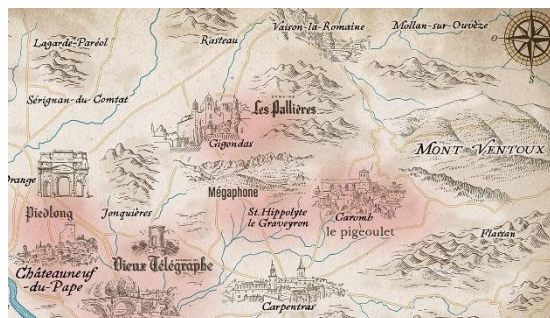


## Domaines du Vieux Télégraphe & Les Pallières

*"This venerable estate, long run by the Brunier family, is a consistent source for fabulous wines."*  
**Robert Parker**

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe's 2019s were once again on top form. The red and white flagship 'La Crau' bottlings each showcasing this special terroir in the East of the appellation. Old vines help that expression enormously.

The Brunier's other property is Domaine Les Pallières, slightly further East in Gigondas. Two cuvées of a qualitative par are produced – Les Racines from 100 year old vines around the property and Terrasses du Diable from as high as Gigondas gets. A 15 minute trek in a 4x4 is required to get to the vineyards. Going any higher would require crampons to ascend the rocky outcrop that forms the jagged peaks of the Dentelles de Montmirail!



### Domaine Les Pallières 'Les Racines' 2019 Gigondas



**£110 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Autumn 2021

#### 92-94+ Jeb Dunnuck

"More black currants, blueberries, peppery garrigue, licorice and mineral notes define the 2019 Gigondas Les Racines and it's another beautifully rich, layered, textured barrel sample from this estate that's going to benefit from short term cellaring."

92-94+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

### Domaine Les Pallières 'Terrasse du Diable' 2019 Gigondas



**£110 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Autumn 2021

#### 91-93+ Jeb Dunnuck

"Moving to the two 2019s from barrel, the 2019 Gigondas Terrasse Du Diable showed beautifully, with lots of red and blue fruits intermixed with notes of candied violets, cracked black pepper, and violets. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, has a touch more mid-palate density than the 2018, and enough tannins to warrant a year or three of bottle age."

91-93+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

### Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe 'La Crau' 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



**£225 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Autumn 2021

#### 96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

"Looking at the flagship 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape from this benchmark estate, it reveals a denser ruby/purple color as well as stunning notes of smoked red and black fruits, crushed rocks, peppery garrigue, and truffle earth. Hitting the palate with full-bodied richness, it stays tight and compact on the palate, with terrific mid-palate depth, a focused, structured mouthfeel, and one great finish. This is a brilliant Châteauneuf du Pape from the Brunier family that's going to benefit from upwards of 5-7 years of bottle age and have 30+ years of overall longevity."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020



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**Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe  
'La Crau' Blanc 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£195 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027+  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**95 Jeb Dunnuck**

"One of my favorite whites from the south of France is Daniel Brunier's Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc and his 2019 is another stunning effort. Always a blend of Clairette, Roussanne, Grenache Blanc, and Bourboulenc brought up in foudre, this beauty boasts an exotic nose of honeyed peach, quince, crushed citrus, and salty minerality, all with a floral edge. Medium to full-bodied on the palate with flawless balance and beautifully integrated acidity, enjoy this concentrated white anytime over the coming 15-20 years."

95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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## Domaine du Tunnel

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***"Stéphane Robert continues to fashion some of the most impressive, concentrated and unctuously textured Syrahs in the northern Rhône... You can't wrong with this estate."***  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

Although Stéphane Robert has a small shop front in the centre of Saint-Péray, to get to the cellars themselves you have to go up... and up.. and up! Following the route of a former narrow-gauge freight railway up the steep hills that rise dramatically from the Rhône river, when you reach the point at which the railway gave up on climbing the hill and instead went into it, today you find the cellar where Stéphane works his magic.

In addition to being one of the leading exponents in the revival of the once almost-extinct appellation of Saint-Péray, Stéphane produces a range of brilliant reds and whites, each showing a precision and purity that sets them apart.

Stéphane was very happy with the quality of his fruit in 2019 which showed a magic combination of high ripeness and acidity. This helped his wines show their trademark succulence, while retaining a wonderful freshness. The sole worry was the small quantities of fruit coming into the winery, meaning our share from this wonderful producer alas remains limited.



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**Domaine du Tunnel 2019  
Cornas**



**£195 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving late 2020/early 2021

**92-94 Vinous**

"Bright and energetic on the fragrant nose, displaying lively black/blue fruit and floral scents that pick up olive and black pepper notes as the wine opens up. In a juicy, fruit-driven style, offering appealingly sweet cherry, blackberry and cassia flavors and suggestions of spicecake and cola. Finishes very long and smooth, with just a hint of fine-grained tannins and persistent spiciness."

92-94 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

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**Domaine du Tunnel  
'Roussanne' 2019  
Saint-Péray**



**£130 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving late 2020/early 2021

**92-93 Vinous**

"Limpid straw-gold. Mineral-accented aromas of fresh pear, yellow plum and jasmine pick up orange zest and fennel accents with air. Silky and sharply focused on the palate, offering intense citrus and pit fruit flavors that are energized by a jolt of juicy acidity. Shows impressive power and mineral thrust on the penetrating finish, which leaves behind hints of bitter orange pith and fennel."

92-93 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

## Domaine Saint Préfert – Isabel Ferrando

*“Proprietress Isabel Ferrando has taken her Saint Préfert estate to France’s highest level, and she’s unquestionably making some of the most profound wines on earth today.”*

*Jeb Dunnuck*

The ‘Queen of Châteauneuf’ (as referred to by James Molesworth) ruffled a few feathers when she arrived in the area in 2002 and started producing some brilliant wines at the historic but arguably underperforming Domaine Saint Préfert, which she converted to full biodynamics in 2013. 2016 is likely to be looked back upon as the year in which Isabel Ferrando’s qualitative transformation of this Domaine was fully complete, the estate since then standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the appellation’s greatest producers.

Isabel calls 2019 “a superb vintage”, noting that “the perfect sanitary condition of the grapes has allowed the production of highly coloured, smooth and generous red Châteauneuf-du-Pape wines” after a hot, dry summer led to an early harvest.

Thankfully, yields are up on 2018, meaning that 2019 sees a very welcome inclusion in our range of the two tiny production wines that carry Isabel’s name (rather than being labelled as Domaine Saint Préfert) – Colombis and F601. These single-vineyard bottling are two of the finest expressions of terroir in the appellation.



### Domaine Saint Préfert ‘Clos Beatus Ille’ 2019 Côtes-du-Rhône



**£89 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**90 Robert Parker**

“The cherry-scented 2019 Cotes du Rhone Beatus Ille also boasts intricate garrigue shadings, which bring welcome complexity and a slightly savory overtone to the bold, fruity aromas and flavors. It’s full-bodied, supple and round in the mouth, with silky tannins on the licorice, rosemary and bay leaf-inflected finish. It should drink well for 3-4 years.”

90 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com September 2020

### Domaine Saint Préfert ‘Classique’ 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



**£185 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**91-93 Jeb Dunnuck**

**16 Jancis Robinson**

“Starting with the classic cuvee, the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape is a se\*y, seamless 2019 that has lots of black raspberry and cherry fruits, loads of peppery garrigue and spice, medium to full-bodied richness, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It’s smoking classic cuvée to enjoy over the coming 10-15 years.”

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

### Domaine Saint Préfert ‘Réserve Auguste Favier’ 2019 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



**£275 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2036  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92 Decanter**

“Always the most elegant wine on the lineup, the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Reserve Auguste Favier is mostly Grenache yet has a solid amount of Cinsault, and it can include a splash of Mourvèdre in some vintages. The beauty offers deeper, richer notes of red currants, bouquet garni, and earth, full-bodied richness, a smoky, meaty character, plenty of mid-palate stuffing, and a great finish.”

95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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**Domaine Saint Préfert  
'Collection Charles Giraud'  
2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£510 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2036  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**97-99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**96 Decanter**

"Lastly, the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Collection Charles Giraud checks in as normal split of 60/40 Grenache and Mourvèdre brought up in used demi-muids. It's a killer 2019 in the making and has lots of violets, peppery meat, and spice aromatics, loads of cassis and red currant fruits, a deep, full-bodied mouthfeel, building tannins, and the purity, intensity, and length that this estate seems to deliver is just about every vintage."  
97-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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**Isabel Ferrando  
'Colombis' 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£510 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2036  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**96-99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95 Decanter**

"One of my favorite wines in the world, the Châteauneuf du Pape Colombis is all old vine Grenache from the Colombis lieu-dit located on the western side of the appellation. The 2019 sports a healthy ruby/purple color as well as a classic Grenache bouquet of black raspberries, herbes de Provence, peppery spice, and flowery incense. Already complex, it's full-bodied, has a wonderful sense of purity, beautiful tannins, and a great finish. This is power pared with elegance, and few wines do it so well. It's going to drink beautifully for 15-20+ years."  
96-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

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**Isabel Ferrando  
'F601' 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£445 per 1 IB**  
Drink to 2036+  
Arriving Autumn 2021

Made in tiny quantities and from 100% Cinsault from a single vineyard parcel planted in 1928, the F601 2019 is yet to be tasted by the critics. The maiden 2018 was awarded 98 point by Joe Czerwinski, who called the bottling "a tiny volume of an all-Cinsault cuvée that blew me away for its exotic perfumes and elegance." He added that it was "nearly endless on the finish". The 98 point score makes this cuvée RobertParker.com's highest scoring Châteauneuf-du-Pape of the vintage apart from Château de Beaucastel's 'Hommage à Jacques Perrin', instantly catapulting it to cult status.

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**Domaine Saint Préfert  
Blanc 2019  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£255 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2022+  
Arriving Autumn 2021

**94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91 Robert Parker**

**16.5+ Jancis Robinson**

"Another beautiful vintage for this cuvee, the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc (60% Clairette and 40% Roussanne) has a lighter golden hue as well as lively, perfumed notes of lemon curd, crisp pineapple, and white flowers that show more honeyed richness with time in the glass. Beautifully balanced, medium to full-bodied, with perfectly integrated acidity and a dry finish, this has consistently been one of the whites of the vintage over the past handful of years, and the 2019 doesn't break that trend."  
94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

# Michel Chapoutier

*"These wines are for true connoisseurs, as they are expensive and meant for long, long evolutions, but they capture the essence of a vintage and terroir as well as any wines in the world."*  
**Robert Parker on Chapoutier's Sélections Parcelles**

Producer portfolios rarely offer as much choice or as many critics' points as the diverse range offered by one of the legends of the Rhône Valley. Michel Chapoutier is one of a kind – headstrong and often contrary, his bold opinions and decisions have helped move his family firm from one of the Northern Rhône's finest producers, to one of the world's. Passionate about biodynamics and a particular fan of granite soils, the quality of the obsessive winemaking shows throughout the large range, from the great value wines at the bottom of the price scale, through to some of the Rhône's (and France's) finest wines that form the 'Sélections Parcelles' range.

The 2019s here were hugely successful, harnessing the vintage's natural ripeness while retaining freshness, minerality and complexity. What's more, the excellence is consistent across the price range, and in both red and white.



**Chapoutier**  
**'Barbe Rac' 2019**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£290 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030  
Arriving Spring 2022

**95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck**

"The 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Barbe Rac also shows the vintage's more elegant, seamless style. It has an exotic bouquet of wild strawberries, blueberries, marine-like minerality, tapenade, and savory garrigue. Rich, full-bodied, and nicely structured, with plenty of length on the finish, this is another wine that will benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age and be long-lived."

95-97+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

**Chapoutier**  
**'Croix de Bois' 2019**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£290 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030  
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-98 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Ratcheting up the quality, the 2019 Châteauneuf Du Pape Croix De Bois boasts a more medium ruby/purple hue as well as a stunning bouquet of kirsch liqueur, ripe cherries, flowery incense, loamy soil, and Provençal garrigue. With incredible finesse, full-bodied richness, and a great mid-palate as well as silky tannins, this remarkable 2019 will benefit from just short-term cellaring and evolve for 15-20 years or more."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com June 2020

**Chapoutier**  
**'Les Greffieux' 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£515 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2038  
Arriving Spring 2022

**96-98 Jeb Dunnuck**

**96 Decanter**

**17.5+ Jancis Robinson**

"Moving to the single vineyards, the 2019 Ermitage Les Greffieux is packed with potential, offering lots of cassis and black raspberry fruit as well as notes of bouquet garni, truffly earth, spice, and pepper. With building tannins, full-bodied richness, and a ripe, multi-dimensional texture, this powerful yet also elegant 2019 will benefit from 4-6 years of bottle age and cruise for 20+ years in cold cellars."

96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2020

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**Chapoutier 'Le Méal'**  
**Blanc 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£725 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2040  
Arriving Spring 2022

**100 Jeb Dunnuck**

**18+ Jancis Robinson**

**96 Decanter**

"The richest and most fruit loaded of the trio is the 2019 Ermitage Le Méal Blanc, which comes from a warmer terroir. This killer Hermitage Blanc has a vivid gold hue as well as a crazy good nose of quince, honeyed currants, acacia flowers, spice, and orange marmalade. It doesn't have the minerality of the L'Ermite (and to a lesser extent, the De l'Orée) yet has a more opulent, fat, unctuous style that's still flawlessly balanced and remarkably pure. This is another magical Hermitage from Chapoutier that does everything right. I followed this bottle for multiple days and it only improved with air. It's certainly the more early drinking of these three single vineyard releases, yet it still deserves 2-4 years of bottle age and should keep for 30 years or more."

100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2020

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**Chapoutier 'De L'Orée'**  
**Blanc 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£770 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2040  
Arriving Spring 2022

**100 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Moving to the three single vineyard Hermitage Blancs, these are all perfect wines yet offer distinct characters. The 2019 Ermitage De L'Orée comes from more limestone soils in the Les Murets lieu-dit, on the eastern side of the appellation and was brought up in 15% new demi-muids. It reveals a vivid gold hue to go with gorgeous honeyed peach, white currants, quince, crushed stone, and white flower-like aromas and flavors. This full-bodied white has terrific concentration, a rich, layered mouthfeel, beautiful acidity, and a finish that just won't quit. Offering more fat and opulence than the L'Ermite and more minerality than the Le Meal, this pinnacle Hermitage Blanc needs a year or three of bottle age, then should drink nicely for 5-7 years, at which point it's best forgotten in the cellar for another decade. It should last for 20-30 years."

100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2020

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**Chapoutier 'L'Ermite'**  
**Blanc 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£1780 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2040  
Arriving Spring 2022

**100 Jeb Dunnuck**

**97 Decanter**

**18+ Jancis Robinson**

"The 2019 Ermitage L'Ermite Blanc comes all from the l'Hermite lieu-dit located up above the Le Méal and around the Chapelle, which is a mix of granite and limestone soils. This cuvée sees a touch more new oak and is brought up 90% in 25% new demi-muids and 10% in stainless steel tanks. It's a more chiseled, backward (which is usual) wine that has intense white currants and stone fruits as well as brilliant honeysuckle, licorice, and celery seed nuances, with a liqueur of rocks-like minerality. With flawless balance, full-bodied richness, and a powerful, concentrated, structured style on the palate, hide bottles for 8-10 years, count yourself lucky, and enjoy over the following 30 years."

100 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2020



## Domaine de Bila-Haut

*“Any project Michel Chapoutier is involved with seems to excel, and his Roussillon Bila Haut domaine is no exception.”*  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

Michel Chapoutier's portfolio extends beyond his native Rhône valley, encompassing outposts in regions as diverse as Alsace and Victoria. It is the rugged hills of Roussillon where the wines are most similar to those of Michel's beloved Northern Rhône. Jeb Dunnuck points out as much, highlighting the parallels between these wines and those of Hermitage and St Joseph. There is no doubt of the quality of the terroir in this corner of France and with such an obsessive perfectionist as Chapoutier in the driving seat, these wines express it to the full.

These are some of the finest expression of this Catalan terroir made, the top with the R.I., V.I.T and Chrysopée taking their place alongside the likes of Le Méal and L'Ermite as part of Chapoutier's elite 'Sélections Parcelles' range. These are true terroir-expressive fine wines, sold at a fraction of the prices of their peers from more established regions.



### Domaine de Bila-Haut 'Les Vignes de Bila-Haut' 2019 Côtes du Roussillon-Villages



**£50 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving Spring 2021

#### 92 Jeb Dunnuck

“Always a great value, the 2019 Côtes Du Roussillon Villages Les Vignes De Bila Haut is close to equal parts Grenache and Syrah that was destemmed and brought up in concrete and stainless steel. Its vivid purple hue is followed by lots of red and blue fruits, floral and peppery nuances, a medium-bodied mouthfeel, silky tannins, and a great finish. It delivers way more purity and elegance than you'd expect at the price and is just a beautiful wine to enjoy over the coming 3-4 years.”

92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020

### Domaine de Bila-Haut 'Chrysopée' 2019 Collioure



**£170 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Spring 2022

#### 93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

“Mostly Grenache blended with 10% Mourvèdre, the 2019 Collioure Chrysopée comes from the steep, schist soils of what's unquestionably one of the most beautiful appellations in France. Ruby-hued, with classic Grenache strawberry and framboise fruits, it has complex garrigue and mineral nuances, medium to full-bodied richness, a seamless texture, and a great finish, all making for a captivating Collioure to enjoy over the coming 7-8 years.”

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020

### Domaine de Bila-Haut 'V.I.T.' 2019 Côtes du Roussillon-Villages



**£195 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2031  
Arriving Spring 2022

#### 94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck

“Violets, spice, candied orange, and both red and blue fruits emerge from the 2019 Côtes Du Roussillon Villages Latour De France Visitare Interiore Terrae (VIT), another rich, full-bodied, yet incredibly elegant vintage for this cuvée. The Syrah component is showing on the nose, but it has plenty of Grenache se\*iness on the palate. Unquestionably in the same ballpark as the 2018, this is a gorgeous wine in the making.”

94-96+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020



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**Domaine de Bila-Haut**  
**'R.I.' 2019**  
**Côtes du Roussillon-Villages**



**£275 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2031  
Arriving Spring 2022

**95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

"In the same ballpark as the 2018, the 2019 Côtes Du Roussillon Villages Lesquerde Rectificando Invenies (RI) is 100% Syrah from high elevation granite soils that's still aging in used demi-muids. Loads of red, black, and blue fruits, tons of minerality and peppery herbs, medium to full-bodied richness, building tannins, and a focused, elegant texture all make for a stunning Syrah that reminds me of a great Hermitage. Slightly more focused and elegant than the riper, softer 2018, it's going to need bottle age to show its full potential."

95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020

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**Domaine de Bila-Haut**  
**'Les Vignes de Bila-Haut'**  
**Blanc 2019**  
**Côtes du Roussillon-Villages**



**£50 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2021  
Arriving Spring 2022

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Based on 50% Grenache Blanc, 20% Macabeu, and 10% each of Roussanne, Marsanne, and Vermentino, the 2019 Côtes Du Roussillon Les Vignes De Bila Haut Blanc is a terrific, incredibly versatile white with plenty of citrus and lime fruits, a touch of salty minerality, medium-bodied richness, lots of sweet fruit, and a clean finish. A great value, it's well worth seeking out and will drink nicely for a year."

90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020

## Ferraton Père et Fils

***“The quality at this tiny Hermitage-based estate continues to increase in almost every vintage. Run by the team at Chapoutier since the early 2000s, they release a large number of cuvees (mostly negociant), yet their estate releases are made in tiny quantities, are all extremely high quality, and continue to represent screaming values.”***

**Jeb Dunnuck**

He's a good chap, Michel Chapoutier. When family friends the Ferratons fell on hard times and started to sell-off parcels of land, in stepped Chapoutier with an injection of cash and just as importantly, winemaking talent. Ferraton Père et Fils has been kept as a separate entity rather than subsumed into the Chapoutier holdings, but what is arguably the best winemaking team in the Rhône applies its expertise to these wines just as they do to those featuring Chapoutier's own name.

The result today is a range of wines that like Chapoutier's performs right across the quality spectrum, but at prices that are scarcely believable given the out-and-out quality being produced here. The perfect example of this is Ferraton's Hermitage 'Le Méal' versus Chapoutier's own 'Le Méal'. Ferraton's costs £325 per 6 IB versus £850 per 6 IB at Chapoutier, yet has the same high Decanter score (97) and a higher Jancis Robinson score. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it: "The only drawback to these wines is that, by and large, they're made in tiny quantities".



### Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères' 2019 Crozes-Hermitage



**£85 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Mid-2021

#### 15.5 Jancis Robinson

*“100% Syrah. Aged for 8–10 months in oak, then 6 months in concrete. Tank sample.*

Tasted blind. Aromatic fig, raspberry and spice nose, lots of pure juicy fruits. Firm tannins and a sleek core of dark fruits, a woody char on the chewy finish – needs time.

Drink 2023–2027.”

15.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

### Ferraton Père et Fils 'Le Grand Courtil' 2019 Crozes-Hermitage



**£120 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Mid-2021

#### 15.5 Jancis Robinson

*“100% Syrah. Aged for 12–14 months in oak (20–30% new). Cask sample.*

Tasted blind. A serious smoke on the nose as well as cool blue mint-tinged notes. Lots of ripe fruits here, a rounded palate with moderate freshness and a weighty denseness to the finish, not the freshest but has good power.

Drink 2022–2025.”

15.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

### Ferraton Père et Fils 'Patou' 2019 Cognac



**£140 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2031  
Arriving Mid-2021

#### 17 Jancis Robinson

**93 Decanter**

*“100% Syrah. Aged for 12–14 months in oak (10% new). Cask sample.*

Tasted blind. Gamey notes with sweet plum and blue-fruit aromas. A rich palate that combines freshness and power nicely, the tannins are very firm but well managed. An opulent, satisfying style that has bags of dark fruit and a subtle savoury undertone. Powerful, enjoyable and slightly naughty and hedonistic.

Drink 2021–2029.”

17 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

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**Ferraton Père et Fils**  
**'Les Eygats' 2019**  
**Cornas**



**£150 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2031  
Arriving Mid-2021

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

*"100% Syrah. Aged for 12–14 months in oak (10% new). Cask sample.*

Tasted blind. The nose is full of energy and vibrant dark fruits. Tobacco and earthy spice with vivid acidity on the mid palate and a layered finish. Quite backwards at the moment but I love the meaty spice just beginning to show underneath the firm tannins.

Drink 2022–2029."

16.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

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**Ferraton Père et Fils**  
**'Les Miaux' 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£210 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Mid-2021

**95 Decanter**

**17+ Jancis Robinson**

*"An inky, deep concoction of damson, sloe and raspberry, with lifted, high-toned cinnamon spice. Good sense of freshness and liveliness to the aromatics, a little touch of resin. Very smooth, fine and silky on the palate with well-integrated oak, there's a spicy nutmeg and cigar tobacco kick on the long, tapered finish, but it's not dominating. Great sense of harmony and finesse, should take on some complexity in time. Clay limestone subsoil overlaid with alluvial pebbles. Destemmed, fermented in concrete vats. Aged in barrels, 10% new. Drinking Window 2027 - 2037."*

95 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

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**Ferraton Père et Fils**  
**'Montmain' 2019**  
**Côte-Rôtie**



**£210 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Mid-2021

**93 Decanter**

**16.5+ Jancis Robinson**

*"A ripe, rounded, generous style. Very fine tannins, plentiful with considerable oak spice on the finish, but the tannins are fine, ripe and tactile. This has a lovely sense of finesse, generous but not sweet. Destemmed. Drinking Window 2022 - 2027."*

93 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

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**Ferraton Père et Fils**  
**'Les Miaux' Blanc 2019**  
**Hermitage**



**£185 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Mid-2021

**17.5+ Jancis Robinson**

*"100% Marsanne. Aged on fine lees (partly in oak barrels, partly in vats) for about 10 to 12 months depending on the vintage. Barrel sample.*

Tasted blind. A subtle whiff of flinty smoke alongside ripe nectarine and bruised apple. Lots of peachy ripeness and opulence on the palate with acacia honey, and layered and with a nice sense of direction and vitality. A little salty twang on the finish, which also shows the faintest suggestion of almonds.

Drink 2024–2035."

17.5+ Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com November 2020

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## Stéphane Ogier

*“One of France’s most brilliant small artisanal wineries is that of the Ogier family in Ampuis”  
Robert Parker*

Visiting this Domaine one gets the clear impression of a man, Stéphane Ogier, with a laser-like focus on the quality of his wine. His cellar is a treasure trove of different parcels separately vinified, some to be blended later, and others to be released alone. 2019 white highlights include a standout Condrieu and a wine that does an eerily good impression of Condrieu, but at half the price. The reds feature the Temps Est Venu red – Stéphane’s only wine from the Southern Rhône, as well as the ‘Syrah de Rosine’, made from grapes grown just outside the Côte-Rôtie appellation boundary.



**Stéphane Ogier**  
**‘Syrah de Rosine’ 2019**  
**Vin de France**



**£170 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving early 2021

**90-92 Vinous**

**91 Decanter**

“Syrah vines planted in 1980s and late 90s. First vintage 2011, and has until recently been classified as IGP, but is now bottled under Vin de France because he missed an admin deadline! The wine is still made the same way. Velvety, fresh and fruity with good acidity. A rich and lush vintage, but this has good structure. The alcohol is just a little raised, but it’s very good.”

91 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com October 2020

**Stéphane Ogier**  
**‘Viognier de Rosine’ 2019**  
**Collines Rhodaniennes IGP**



**£155 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving early 2021

**91 Decanter**

“Very opulent style, there’s some enjoyable bitter orange on the finish, and a touch of green almond bitterness. Good freshness with good depth of fruit. Not long, but very good Rhône Viognier. Drinking Window 2021 - 2023.”

91 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

**Stéphane Ogier**  
**‘La Combe de Malleval’ 2019**  
**Condrieu**



**£165 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving early 2021

**95 Decanter**

“Lemon verbena and apricot. Soft, juicy, with a touch of apricot skin to the green tea and white flowers. It’s opulent but not massive, with good depth of Condrieu character. Very good example of Condrieu in 2019, not overly opulent nor is it weak in fruit. He will release the 2018 Vieilles Vignes de Jacques Vernay in 2022; he has made it in 2019, but it won’t be available to taste until release. Partly from Malleval, partly from Saint Pierre de Boeuf. 2/3 in Stockinger demi-muid. Malo blocked in 2019. Drinking Window 2021 - 2023.”

95 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com December 2020

***“This is a huge lineup, yet the theme across the entire range is incredible quality”  
Jeb Dunnuck***

What can be said about Guigal that hasn't been said already? Despite a large production, the focus on quality is truly impressive, with the winemaking team always winning out over the accountants if a parcel ought to be rejected for quality reasons, despite the many thirsty clients around the world that need satisfying. At the top end of the Guigal tree when it comes to whites is the Condrieu supercuvée 'La Doriane' and it is this we feature along with the excellent value Crozes-Hermitage and the stupendous value Côtes-du-Rhône, both unbeatable in terms of value, as ever.



## **Guigal 2019 Côtes-du-Rhône**



**£45 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2021

### **90 Jeb Dunnuck**

“Always a winner, especially when you consider the volume produced, the 2019 Côtes du Rhône Blanc reveals a vivid gold hue as well as beautiful notes of crushed citrus, honeyed peach, and white flowers to go with a medium-bodied, crisp, clean style on the palate. With good acidity and a dry finish, it's going to shine on the dinner table and keep nicely for 2-3 years. It's a smoking value.”

90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) October 2020

## **Guigal 2019 Crozes-Hermitage**



**£90 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving mid-2021

### **16.5 Jancis Robinson**

“Marsanne. Attractive aromas, floral and lots of anise notes. Has a nice freshness with linearity – slight phenolic grip and a savoury note on the finish. Balanced.”

16.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, [JancisRobinson.com](http://JancisRobinson.com) December 2020

## **Guigal 'La Doriane' 2019 Condrieu**



**£299 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving mid-2021

### **98 Jeb Dunnuck**

### **17 Jancis Robinson**

“The 2019 Condrieu La Doriane is another tremendous effort from this estate that does everything right. Reminding me slightly of the 2015 with its power and richness, it still has plenty of freshness in its apricot, ripe pineapple, honeyed marmalade, flowers, and cream aromas and flavors. Already complex and full-bodied, with good acidity and a fabulous finish, this is a quintessential expression of this cuvée and it's hard to imagine how it would be any better. These always have the capacity to age, yet I find them most enjoyable with 6-12 months of bottle age and then over the following 3-5 years.”

98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) November 2020

## Domaine Rostaing

*“Young Pierre Rostaing has been on a roll, making some of the best wines in Côte Rôtie from his family's choice parcels in La Landonne, La Côte Blonde and Côte Brune. It's my impression that the quality of the blended Ampodium is also reaching new heights, although it cannot compete with the near perfection achieved by the single-vineyard wines”*

*Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com*

There are three key things to know about the wines of Domaine Rostaing. The first is that only a very small proportion of new oak is used, allowing the purity of the fruit to shine through. Secondly, high proportions of whole bunch fermentation are used, giving structure to the wines and making them 'vins de garde' rather than ones to drink immediately upon release. Finally and most importantly, they are truly excellent, with René's son Pierre crafting to perfection the fruit of some of Côte-Rôtie's most enviable vineyard holdings. Rostaing's Côte-Rôties are not the cheapest on the market, but when the quality is compared with others both within the appellation and more widely in France, the prices are more than justifiable.



**Domaine Rostaing 'Les  
Lézardes' Syrah 2019  
Collines Rhodaniennes IGP**



**£215 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving Late 2021

**90-92 Vinous**

**92 Decanter**

“Ripe dark fruits, candied licorice, olive and potpourri on the fragrant nose, along with a peppery nuance and a hint of smoked meat. Coats the palate with nicely concentrated cassis and bitter cherry flavors that become more livelier with air. A violet pastille nuance adds a touch of sweetness to the clinging finish, where dusty tannins lend shape and gentle closing grip.”

90-92 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

**Domaine Rostaing  
'Ampodium' 2019  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£240 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2029  
Arriving Late 2021

**92-94 Vinous**

**92 Decanter**

**17.5+ Jancis Robinson**

“Primary black/blue fruit, violet, allspice and olive qualities on the highly perfumed nose, where a smoky mineral nuance adds energetic lift. Sweet, deep-pitched blueberry, cherry and fruitcake flavors spread out steadily in the mouth, picking up spiciness and a touch of licorice on the back half. Finishes with sharp clarity and silky tannins that provide closing shape and grip.”

92-94 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

**Domaine Rostaing  
'La Landonne' 2019  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£495 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033+  
Arriving Late 2021

**94-96 Vinous**

**94 Decanter**

**18 Jancis Robinson**

“Complex array of dark fruit preserve, floral, spice and savory herb qualities on the highly perfumed nose; a smoky mineral note gains volume as the wine opens up. Shows excellent clarity and spicy lift to the concentrated cherry liqueur, blueberry and spicecake flavors, which slowly expand through the midpalate. Blends depth and energy with a sure hand and shows impressive energy and mineral thrust on a very long, youthfully tannic finish.”

94-96 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020



Domaine Rostaing  
'Côte Blonde' 2019  
Côte-Rôtie



£545 per 6 IB  
Drink to 2033+  
Arriving Late 2021

95-97 Vinous

94 Decanter

17.5+ Jancis Robinson

"An assertively perfumed bouquet displays an array of ripe red and blue fruit preserve, floral and spice qualities, along with suggestions of licorice, smoky bacon fat and mineral notes. Effortlessly marries depth and energy and offers sweet cherry, crème de mûre and candied violet flavors sharpened by building mineral and spice flourishes. Shows noteworthy clarity and mineral cut on a long, penetrating finish that echoes the floral and mineral notes with real authority."  
95-97 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com May 2020

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