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Rhône 2021 En Primeur Offer

“2021 was a fantastic vintage for Viognier/Condrieu. It is slightly bittersweet for producers, as while quality is excellent, yields were not. And this is partly why the wines are so good.”

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

“From Condrieu to Châteauneuf-du-Pape, this is an unmissable vintage for whites.”

Matt Walls, Decanter.com

“The wines show good ripeness and more elegant, medium-bodied profiles with solid character.”

Jeb Dunnuck

“For those who made a success of the vintage – and there were more than I expected – the style is one that many will find appealing. It’s a lean, fresh, structured vintage with refreshingly low alcohol – a counterweight to recent years, such as 2018 and 2019, that might have been too rich and opulent for some tastes.”

Matt Walls, Decanter.com

“There are certainly plenty of good to very good wines that are lighter in alcohol with higher acidity than usual.”

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

“The vintage is reminiscent of an improved 2008, with perhaps a touch of the charming, forward style of the 2014s. Some estates compared the vintage to 2013 (as well as 2004), yet I find the 2021s to be softer and more approachable, with better overall ripeness.”

Jeb Dunnuck

“It’s an exceptional year for white wine in both the southern and northern Rhône.”

Matt Walls, Decanter.com

“The white wines of 2021 were largely very good indeed however, especially Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blancs which really shone, with no shortage of concentration but often with good freshness.”

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

“As in any challenging year, it’s the most dedicated and hardworking vignerons who produce the best wines, and there will undoubtedly be outstanding wines made in 2021. In addition, it’s clearly a strong, if not exceptional, vintage for the white wines.”

Jeb Dunnuck

“As always there are some very good wines, and many of the producers that you might expect to make great wines did just that.”

Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com

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Unless otherwise stated, prices are quoted 'in bond' and are exclusive of duty, VAT and delivery (expected throughout the course of 2023 and early 2024). You will be notified by post once your wines have arrived. Bottle sizes are 75cl unless otherwise stated.

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Availability – Rhône 2021 Reds

<u>Southern Rhône Reds</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Famille Perrin 'Les Cornuds'	Vinsobres	16+ JR	£80 per 12 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Le Temps Est Venu'	Côtes-du-Rhône	90 JD	£95 per 12 IB
Montirius 'Le Village'	Vacqueyras	92 DC	£140 per 12 IB
Famille Isabel Ferrando 'Clos Beattus Ille'	Côtes-du-Rhône	-	£75 per 6 IB
Coudoulet de Beaucastel	Côtes-du-Rhône	16.5 JR	£160 per 12 IB
Famille Perrin 'La Gille'	Gigondas	16 JR	£160 per 12 IB
Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés'	Gigondas	15.5 JR	£225 per 12 IB
Famille Perrin 'Les Hauts de Julien'	Vinsobres	94 DC	£125 per 6 IB
Château Sixtine	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93 DC	£125 per 6 IB
Domaine Les Pallières 'Les Racines'	Gigondas	-	£130 per 6 IB
Famille Perrin 'L'Argnée'	Gigondas	94 DC	£225 per 6 IB
Famille Perrin 'Clos des Tourelles'	Gigondas	94 DC	£225 per 6 IB
Montirius 'Le Clos'	Vacqueyras	91 DC	£265 per 12 IB
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe 'La Crau'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94 JD	£280 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96 DC	£310 per 6 IB
Famille Isabel Ferrando	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94-96+ JD	£355 per 6 IB
Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	95 DC	£366 per 6 IB
Clos des Papes (150cl)	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	95 DC	£375 per 3 IB
Famille Isabel Ferrando 'Colombis'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	95 DC	£530 per 6 IB
<u>Northern Rhône Reds</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Domaine Yann Chave	Crozes-Hermitage	15.5 JR	£85 per 6 IB
Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre'	Crozes-Hermitage	15 JR	£115 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel	Saint-Joseph	91-93+ JD	£165 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel	Cornas	95 DC	£220 per 6 IB

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Availability – Rhône 2021 Whites

<u>Southern Rhône Whites</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Coudoulet de Beaucastel Blanc	Côtes-du-Rhône	91-93 JD	£195 per 12 IB
Montirius 'Minéral'	Vacqueyras	-	£215 per 12 IB
Château Sixtine Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94 JD	£125 per 6 IB
Famille Isabel Ferrando Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	97 DC	£225 per 6 IB
Clos des Papes Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	97 DC	£288 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96-98 JD	£360 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel 'Roussanne' VV	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96-99 JD	£300 per 3 IB
<u>Northern Rhône Whites</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Domaine Yann Chave	Crozes-Hermitage	15 JR	£95 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Viognier de Rosine'	Collines Rhodaniennes IGP	91 JD	£195 per 12 IB
Domaine du Tunnel 'Marsanne'	Saint-Péray	94 JD	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel 'Roussanne'	Saint-Péray	92 DC	£155 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel 'Cuvée Prestige'	Saint-Péray	95 JD	£170 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'La Combe de Malleval'	Condrieu	95 JD	£200 per 6 IB

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2021 Vintage Report

"I love the '21s!" This was Stéphane Ogier's verdict on his Viogniers when he took us through the range. His joy was not unbridled though. Frost wreaked havoc across the Rhône in this vintage, with volumes down throughout. Ogier's losses were typical of the North – down around 40% versus 2020 overall. In the South, Christine Saurel at Montirius talked of 50% losses, yet here too there was a positive to be found – originally she feared being 90% down, so saw 50% as a blessing.

In short, this wasn't an easy vintage for the region's vignerons. September rain was a peril too, but this did not affect the whites, as they were safely in the wineries by the time the downpours came. Alcohols are typically down – Ogier's Viognier weighing in a full 2% abv lower in 2021 than 2022 at 12.5% for example. 2021 has a freshness and fleet-footedness to the whites that will greatly appeal to many drinkers.

After a relatively cool summer, the reds had to face the aforementioned autumn rains. You will not be surprised to hear therefore that this is not a vintage packed full of artifice. What it does have though is freshness, food-friendliness and, in the right hands, balance, poise and elegance. In short, wines built to please the drinker rather than the barrel-tasting critic, or merchant for that matter.

What the reds also have is an ability to age. Yann Chave, whose Crozes-Hermitage based Domaine fared better than some, praised the warm August and September, which allowed for "good quality and quantity". He called 2021 "a classic year, unlike some of the recent ones". At Vieux Télégraphe there was praise for the "higher acid vintages like this, that age the best", while the ever-philosophical Christine at Montirius had the last word; "this is a vintage like '97, '08 or '11, one that will surprise us in the future". This is indeed a year to be selective, to stick with the best winemakers, but it is one whose unique charms you miss out on at your peril.

Looking ahead to 2022, the previous run of hot, dry vintages resumed. Service as normal then, although again yields were hit heavily by spring frosts. That makes 2021 one of a kind in the modern era – a vintage "like in the olden days" as Pierre Rostaing put it, which "without the frost could have been dilute", but which crucially, was not. Instead it offers a small, but well formed selection of age-worthy, structured wines that will bring great pleasure to many a dinner table for years to come.

What to buy then? As I am sure you will have gathered, the whites are well worthy of your attention, and here I must highlight what are unquestionably in my view the best bottlings ever made at Isabel Ferrando's estate in the 7 years I have been visiting. In the North, Domaine du Tunnel's whistle-fresh, succulently-fruited Saint-Péray's were impressive as ever too.

In red, Ferrando's estate Châteauneuf was a real wow wine, while Montirius's unoaked Gigondas 'Terres des Aînés' is so full of vivacity and confidence, with pure, transparent fruit. In the North, Domaine Courbis's range of Cornas and Saint-Joseph bottlings showed wonderfully managed tannins married to rich, dense dark fruit, while in the same neck of the woods, Rostaing's wines were once again packed full of potential.

Stewart Pryce, Fine Wine Campaign Manager
12th December 2022

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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'.



Montirius 'Le Village' 2021 Vacqueyras



£140 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Mid-2023

92 Decanter

16 Jancis Robinson

'80% Grenache, 20% Syrah. Biodynamic. Aged in concrete vats for one winter, then in bottles before release. Tasted blind. Liquorice and clove-spiced nose. A firm palate with rounded tannins, a sense of purity to the strawberry palate. Quite an elegant style with finesse.'
16 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés' 2021 Gigondas



£225 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Mid-2023

15.5 Jancis Robinson

"80% Grenache, 20% Mourvèdre. Vines average 75 years old. A blend of three parcels. Biodynamic. Aged in concrete tanks for two winters. Tank sample.

Tasted blind. Meaty and savoury nose, quite wild. Firm palate with ripe fruit and notable tannins. Red fruit on the palate with damson and spice. Quite a ripe style, attractive but I would like to see a little more freshness."

15.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Montirius 'Le Clos' 2021 Vacqueyras



£265 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028+
Arriving Mid-2023

91 Decanter

16 Jancis Robinson

"50% Grenache, 50% Syrah. Biodynamic. Aged in concrete vats for two winters, then in bottles before release. Tank sample.

Tasted blind. Interesting nose! Brooding, dark, spiced notes. Juicy blue fruits, rounded tannins and smoked bacon alongside plum jam and baked red fruits. Shows good concentration and a sense of ripe sweetness."

16 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Montirius 'Minéral' Blanc 2021 Vacqueyras



£215 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Mid-2023

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.

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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.



Château Sixtine 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£125 per 6 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Mid-2023

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

93 Decanter

15.5 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape brings more volume and richness, with both red and black fruits, medium to full body, and notes of black raspberries, peppery herbs, graphite, and chalky minerality. Rich, nicely concentrated, and balanced, it shows the lively, elegant, pretty style of the vintage while still bringing solid fruit and texture. The blend is 50% Grenache and 25% each of Syrah and Mourvedre, with the élevage in concrete tanks (60%) and demi-muids and older barrels."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

Château Sixtine Blanc 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£125 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027
Arriving Mid-2023

94 Jeb Dunnuck

94 Decanter

"Rocking stuff, the 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc has a great nose of poached pear, honeyed melon, and green almonds. This carries to a medium-bodied, pure, elegant, yet still concentrated white with integrated acidity and a great finish. It's going to evolve for 4-6 years, and probably keep even longer if you're so inclined."

94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

Clos des Papes

"This is one of the great estates in Châteauneuf 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 does 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 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£366 per 6 IB
£375 per 3x150cl IB
Drink to 2036+
Arriving Autumn 2023

95 Decanter

93-95 Jeb Dunnuck

18 Jancis Robinson

"While production was down 40% due to the frost, Vincent was able to make a beautiful 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape that readers will love to have in the cellar. All about finesse and elegance, it reveals a classic Clos des Papes nose of both red and black fruits as well as tons of floral, pepper, and spicy notes. These carry to a medium-bodied 2021 that has good ripeness (the alcohol is 15%), a supple, silky mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. It's not far off the style of the 2020, and while it doesn't have the density of a top vintage, it nevertheless has balance, complexity, and elegance, and will have 15+ years of longevity."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

Clos des Papes Blanc 2021 Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£288 per 6 IB
Drink to 2034
Arriving Autumn 2023

97 Decanter

95 Jeb Dunnuck

17.5 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc is terrific and shows the crisp, vibrant style of the vintage yet still manages to bring plenty of richness and concentration. Ripe pears, peach, licorice, and white flowers all emerge on the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a layered mouthfeel, and integrated acidity. It's another incredibly classy white from this estate that will keep for 10-15 years."

95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2021

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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.



**Famille Perrin
'Les Cornuds' 2021
Vinsobres**



£80 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2023

16+ Jancis Robinson

"Juicy nose, violet, liquorice and plump dark pastille fruit. An opulent and sleek mouthfeel, lovely smoky dark notes, savoury pepper and thyme – there is a real polished finesse to the tannins. Brooding and classy."
16+ Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

**Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2021
Côtes-du-Rhône**



£160 per 12 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Late 2023

16.5 Jancis Robinson

"Very appealing nose, juicy, packed full of berry fruit, leather and spice. Rich layered palate with taut tannins, good freshness and a balanced finish. Needs a bit of time – medium-bodied but attractive dark-fruit cassis-led style."
16.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

**Famille Perrin
'La Gille' 2021
Gigondas**



£160 per 12 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Late 2023

16 Jancis Robinson

"Very inviting nose, lavender, garrigue, pepper and dark figs. Rounded palate with plenty of acidity and energy – firm tannins throughout, but a good core of fruit and well-judged alcohol. Shows finesse but will need several years in bottle."
16 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Famille Perrin
'Les Hauts de Julien' 2021
Vinsobres



£125 per 6 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Late 2023

94 Decanter

17 Jancis Robinson

"Dark roasted fruits, smoky and wild nose – grilled meat. The palate is rounded, sleek with some oak notes. Ripe, wild and spiced meats on the finish. The tannins are firm on the mid palate and this will age really well – lots of freshness and power at the same time. Good concentration of fruit."

17 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Famille Perrin
'L'Argnée' 2021
Gigondas



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2034
Arriving Late 2023

94 Decanter

17 Jancis Robinson

"A very deep nose, cassis, leather and ripe red fruits. Real density and concentration on the nose. A dense and pure palate with a softness of fruit, beautifully tuned tannins – delicate and layered, savoury and with poise and elegance – a pepper note on the layered finish."

17 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Famille Perrin
'Clos des Tourelles' 2021
Gigondas



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Late 2023

94 Decanter

16.5+ Jancis Robinson

"Wow – what a nose! Juicy cassis, crushed blackcurrant, tobacco, rosemary, liquorice – such purity, The palate is full of dark fruits, the tannins are fine, detailed and chalky and need time to integrate. The fruit is juicy and with good concentration. Really delicious!"

16.5+ Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Château de Beaucastel 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£310 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Late 2023

96 Decanter

17.5 Jancis Robinson

"Cask sample. Very inviting nose, liquorice, dark crushed cassis, leather, strawberry jam – earthy dark spice. A supple and ripe palate with good freshness and acidity throughout. Tight and fine, firm tannins, dark fruits, liquorice, thyme and a ripe savoury-tinged finish. Wonderful."

17.5 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, September 2022

Coudoulet de Beaucastel
Blanc 2021
Côtes-du-Rhône



£195 per 12 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving Late 2023

91-93 Jeb Dunnuck

16 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Côtes Du Rhône Coudoulet Blanc comes from two terroirs, one just across the A7 autoroute and one slightly further north. It has terrific aromatics of pear, crushed citrus, and white peach to go with a tight, medium-bodied, almost reductive (in a good way) style on the palate. It's not yet bottled, but this will certainly be an outstanding wine and will easily stand up beside a Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc."

91-93 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2021

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**Château de Beaucastel
Blanc 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



£360 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027
Arriving Late 2023

96-98 Jeb Dunnuck

96 Decanter

17 Jancis Robinson

"Mostly Roussanne bought up in equal parts once- and twice-used barrels, the 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc is a thrilling white that, quite frankly, seems to be almost as good as the Roussanne Vieilles Vignes release at this stage. Exotic honeyed flowers, citrus, orange blossom, white peach, and chalky minerality all define the bouquet, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a seamless, layered mouthfeel, integrated acidity, and a great, great finish."
96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

**Château de Beaucastel
'Roussanne Vieilles Vignes'
2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



£300 per 3 IB
Drink to 2035
Arriving Late 2023

96-99 Jeb Dunnuck

98 Decanter

18 Jancis Robinson

"In contrast, the 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes (100% Roussanne) is brought up in all new oak, and it has a normal pH of 3.7 and an alcohol of 14.5%. (In comparison, the classic white has a pH of 3.6 and slightly less alcohol at 14%.) Rich, full-bodied, and opulent, it has a gorgeous perfume of caramelized white peach, acacia flowers, toasted spices, and orange blossom. One of the most powerful, concentrated whites in the vintage, its oak is perfectly integrated, it's flawlessly balanced, and as I've written in the past, it's the Montrachet of the Southern Rhône!"
96-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2022

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 has been a mainstay of our Rhône range for several years now. The 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.



Domaine Yann Chave 2021 Crozes-Hermitage



£85 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027
Arriving Spring 2023

15.5 Jancis Robinson

"Tasted blind. Youthful and primary with a delicate sweet violet and crushed blackberry nose. A soft palate with moderate fruit concentration – spice, violet, zesty acid and attractive fruit. Lightweight and easy early drinking."
15.5 Pts, Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, October 2022

Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre' 2021 Crozes-Hermitage



£115 per 6 IB
Drink to 2029
Arriving Spring 2023

15 Jancis Robinson

"Tasted blind. Sweet red, raspberry fruit aromas, candied fruit. The palate is light, simple and refreshing – not concentrated but pure and fresh. Early drinking."
15 Pts, Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, October 2022

Domaine Yann Chave 2021 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc



£95 per 6 IB
Drink to 2028
Arriving Spring 2023

15 Jancis Robinson

"Certified organic by AB France. 70% Marsanne, 30% Roussanne. Fermented and matured in vats. Tasted blind. A slight note of wet wool on the nose. The palate is quite light, lacking just a little bit of fruit weight and concentration. Simple."
15 Pts, Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, October 2022

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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 2020s were once again on impressive form, even if these are clearly wines that need a little time in the cellar to fully express themselves. 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 and it was Les Racines from 100 year old vines around the property that most impressed us this year. It showed truly amazing freshness, helped by the addition of 5% of the white Clairette in the blend.



Domaine Les Pallières
'Les Racines' 2021
Gigondas



£130 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
Arriving Autumn 2023

Not yet scored by the major critics.

Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe
'La Crau' 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape



£280 per 6 IB
Drink to 2035+
Arriving Autumn 2023

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

"The Grand Vin is always from the heart of the La Crau lieu-dit and is 65% Grenache with the balance Mourvedre and Syrah. The 2021 saw about 30% stems and is being brought up in foudre. It has a beautiful core of red fruits (strawberries and redcurrants) as well as classic notes of crushed stone, pepper, garrigue, and sandalwood. Playing in the medium-bodied, elegant, seamless end of the spectrum, it has fine tannins and outstanding length. It's a pretty, silky, impressive 2021 with class."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com November 2022

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Domaine du Tunnel

"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.



Domaine du Tunnel 2021 Saint-Joseph



£165 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
In stock now

91-93+ Jeb Dunnuck

17 Jancis Robinson

"Brought up all in used oak, the 2021 Saint Joseph is deep purple and has an impressively ripe, rounded, medium to full-bodied style. Blackberries, blueberries, ground pepper, and some spicy, leathery notes all emerge on the nose, and it's textured, has ripe tannins, and a wonderful mid-palate. It's a clear standout in the vintage."
91-93+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

Domaine du Tunnel 2021 Cornas



£220 per 6 IB
Drink to 2030
In stock now

95 Decanter

92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

16 Jancis Robinson

"Ripe blackberry and black cherry yoghurt on the nose, flowing onto a palate characterised by ripe tannins and good acidity. It's concentrated but not massive, with a good sense of impact and focus and a long finish. The acidity really drives it forward. Alcohol is well balanced, and it's not overly oaked. There are some strict, chiselled Cornas tannins. Very classic. Lieux-dits Sauman, Combes, Les Côtes, Mazards, Cayret, Patou, Les Eygats, Champelrose. Aged for 14 months in four-year-old barrels."
95 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com, October 2022

Domaine du Tunnel 'Marsanne' 2021 Saint-Péray



£120 per 6 IB
Drink to 2023
In stock now

94 Jeb Dunnuck

92 Decanter

16 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Saint-Péray Marsanne shows how talented this winemaker is, and it's these more challenging vintages where it's easy to see the overall quality of the vigneron. Bright apple, tart white peach, and citrus notes give way to a medium-bodied, pure, clean, impeccably balanced white displaying the fresher style of the vintage while still being textured, concentrated, and simply utterly delicious."
94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

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Domaine du Tunnel
'Roussanne' 2021
Saint-Péray



£155 per 6 IB
Drink to 2024
In stock now

92 Decanter

16.5 Jancis Robinson

"50% matured in three- and four-year-old oak barrels.

Tasted blind. Apricot, dried fruits and peachy notes. An oily, dense mouthfeel with good concentration of stone fruit. Quite a lot going on here and certainly on the richer, more generous, flashy side."

16 Pts Alistair Cooper, JancisRobinson.com, October 2022

Domaine du Tunnel
'Cuvée Prestige' 2021
Saint-Péray



£170 per 6 IB
Drink to 2025
In stock now

95 Jeb Dunnuck

"Based on 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne brought up in barrels, the 2021 Saint-Péray Cuvée Prestige is terrific and certainly makes the most of this vintage. Honeyed flowers, ripe tangerine, peach, spice, and hints of dried herbs all emerge on the nose, and it's medium-bodied, with a rounded, layered texture, remarkable purity, and a great finish. It's an incredible effort in this complex, challenging vintage that's well worth seeking out."

95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

Famille Isabel Ferrando (Domaine Saint Préfert)

"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.

2020 saw the disappearance of flagship reds 'Collection Charles Giraud' and 'Réserve Auguste Favier', as well as the 'classique' cuvée and in their place a new estate wine simply called 'Famille Isabel Ferrando'. This brave move has paid dividends, with the new wine an instant reference point more than able to hold its own against established stars such as Clos des Papes and Château de Beaucastel.

Colombis and F601 continue to be bottled individually, however. These single-variety, minute quantity bottlings (of Grenache on sand and Cinsault on blue clay respectively) are two of the finest expressions of both terroir and grape variety in the entire appellation.



Famille Isabel Ferrando
'Clos Beatus Ille' 2021
Côtes-du-Rhône



£75 per 6 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving Autumn 2023

From the 'Lionne' site a mere mile from Domaine Saint-Préfert's winery, this entry point to Isabel Ferrando's range may sit the wrong side of the Châteauneuf appellation boundary, but as you would expect from one of the Southern Rhône's most exciting winemakers, the wine is excellent. A Grenache-Cinsault blend fermented in oak, the Clos Beatus Ille is elegant, silkily textured and fruit forward. Outstanding value and highly recommended. The 21 is fresh and vibrant, and offers top level drinking for the price.

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**Famille Isabel Ferrando 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



£355 per 6 IB
Drink to 2038
Arriving Autumn 2023

94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck

93 Decanter

16.5 Jancis Robinson

"The flagship cuvée is the classic 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape, which has replaced the Collection Charles Giraud and Reserve Auguste Favier special cuvées. Its deeper plum/purple hue gives way to a great bouquet of darker berry fruits, ground pepper, garrigue, and sappy flowers. Fleshy, medium to full-bodied, and wonderfully textured, it brings more fruit and opulence than most in the vintage, while still showing brilliant purity and freshness."

94-96+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

**Famille Isabel Ferrando
'Colombis' 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



£530 per 6 IB
Drink to 2037
Arriving Autumn 2023

95 Decanter

93-95+ Jeb Dunnuck

15.5 Jancis Robinson

"Rounded, fairly tannic style, but one with serious class and refinement. This needs time to settle in bottle, but will be lovely when ready - a classic and drinkable style. Largely sandy soils, a small lieu-dit to the west of the village. All fermented and aged in tronconic vats."

95 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com, October 2022

**Famille Isabel Ferrando
Blanc 2021
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



£225 per 6 IB
Drink to 2027+
Arriving Autumn 2023

97 Decanter

94 Jeb Dunnuck

16+ Jancis Robinson

"The classic white here is always worth checking out, and the 2021 Châteauneuf Du Pape Blanc shines on all accounts. Honeyed white flowers, stone fruits, orange blossom, and a touch of spice all emerge on the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a pure, elegant mouthfeel, and a great finish. It has the vintage's fresher, pure style yet doesn't lack for fruit or texture."

94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, November 2022

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.



Stéphane Ogier
'Le Temps Est Venu' 2021
Côtes-du-Rhône



£95 per 12 IB
Drink to 2025
Arriving early 2023

90 Jeb Dunnuck

"The 2021 Côtes Du Rhône Le Temps Est Venu is terrific and unquestionably a resounding success in the vintage. Already bottled and based on 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah, brought up all in concrete, it has lots of darker berry fruits, some peppery, violet, and floral notes, medium body, fine tannins, and a clean finish. It makes the most of the vintage and is perfect for drinking over the coming 4-5 years or so."

90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

Stéphane Ogier
'Viognier de Rosine' 2021
Collines Rhodaniennes IGP



£195 per 12 IB
Drink to 2024
Arriving early 2023

91 Jeb Dunnuck

"Readers looking for a value-priced Condrieu should check out Ogier's 2021 Collines Rhodaniennes La Rosine Blanc, which I suspect will represent a great value once on the market. Tart apricots, flowers, peach, and honeyed citrus all define this beauty, and it's medium-bodied, clean, and juicy on the palate. It's an outstanding Viognier."

91 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

Stéphane Ogier
'La Combe de Malleval' 2021
Condrieu



£200 per 6 IB
Drink to 2026
Arriving early 2023

95 Jeb Dunnuck

95 Decanter

17.5 Jancis Robinson

"The 2021 Condrieu La Combe De Malleval is on another level and brings incredible purity, precision, and class. White peach, white flowers, and some honeyed minerality all define the nose, and it's medium to full-bodied, has a vibrant, clean, fresher mouthfeel, and a great finish. In comparison to the Vieilles Vignes, this always brings slightly more flesh and richness."

95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, December 2022

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