
TASTING EDITIONS

THE
FRENCH
Artists

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Thank you for joining us at the third event in our Tasting Editions series, where we hand pick some of our most delicious wines from countries and regions that we are really excited about.

For this tasting we focus on our 'French Artists'. Celebrating their exciting, unique and above all delicious wines - each staying true to their terroir while pushing the boundaries in pursuit of perfection.

We hope you enjoy the wines as much as we do!

FEATURING

Lacourte Godbillon, Champagne with Richard Desvignes
R.Pouillon et Fils, Champagne with Fabrice Pouillon
Jean Perrier et Fils, Savoie with Gilles Perrier
Plaimont, Saint Mont & Madiran with Celine Dabadie
Ermitage Pic St Loup, Languedoc-Roussillon with Jean-Marc Ravaille
NEW | Chateau Guiraud, Bordeaux with Sophie Balanger

AND

Marc Kreydenweiss, Alsace & Rhone
Alphonse Mellot, Loire Valley
NEW | Bruno Dubois, Loire Valley
Domaine Gilbert Picq et Fils, Chablis
Domaine Gallois, Burgundy
Domaine Robert-Denogent, Burgundy
Rijckaert, Burgundy & Jura
Domaine de la Pinte, Jura
Cave Dumazet, Northern Rhone
Chateau Saint Cosme, Southern Rhone
Domaine Grand Veneur, Southern Rhone



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Prices are trade bottle price ex-VAT

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Campaign

The campaign will run from 1 January to 31 March 2019. There is no need to sign up - just make sure you buy and sell any of the products included in the campaign during the campaign period. Each Bibendum customer who buys more than 12 bottles of wine included in this campaign, during the campaign period, will be entered into the prize draw. This will be a curated French Artists hamper to the value of £250, featuring local French produce, wine and a voucher.

Good Luck!



Meet the *Artists*

LACOURTE GODBILLON

Champagne | Richard Desvignes

Now in their third generation, family-owned Lacourte Godbillon are a top-quality and well-known Grower Champagne from the Montagne de Reims. For current owner and winemaker Geraldine Lacourte, and husband Richard Desvignes, their vision is simple: the wine must be an expression of its terroir. They are true growers in every sense, owning all 8ha of their vineyards and working with a small team of only five people (except during harvest, of course). Lacourte Godbillon are in their second year of converting to organic production and have started to implement biodynamic practices. 95% of their grapes are grown on the Premier Cru vineyards of Ecueil, on the extreme western flanks of the Montagne de Reims, an area well known for incredible Pinot Noir production.

- Lacourte Godbillon Terroirs D'Ecueil 1er Cru Brut NV | Pinot Noir, Chardonnay £27.88 *
- Lacourte Godbillon Brut Nature NV | Pinot Noir, Chardonnay £32.09
- Lacourte Godbillon Mi-Pentes 1er Cru NV | Pinot Noir £32.09 *

R. POUILLON ET FILS

Champagne | Fabrice & Bénédicte Pouillon

Founded in 1947 by Roger Pouillon, Champagne R. Pouillon et Fils were dedicated Growers from the beginning. Fabrice Pouillon continues to build on what his father and grandfather created, crafting unique and artisanal Champagnes. Owning 6.5ha of land across Ay Grand Cru, the Vallee de la Marne and Montagne de Reims, Fabrice creates expressive wines that are vibrantly aromatic. Dedicated to the vitality, energy and health of his vineyards, he began the conversion to organics in 2003 and today also incorporates biodynamic principles. Tradition is key in the winery: the handpicked grapes are pressed in the traditional wooden press, in the time-honoured way begun by Fabrice's grandfather, and each of the 36 vine parcels are vinified separately to focus on the grapes' origin.

- R. Pouillon & Fils Reserve Brut NV | Pinot Noir, Chardonnay, Pinot Meunier £30.41 *
- R. Pouillon & Fils Terres Froides Extra Brut 1er Cru NV | Chardonnay £43.47
- R. Pouillon & Fils Les Blanchiens Brut Nature 1er Cru 2011 | Pinot Noir, Chardonnay £60.58 *
- R. Pouillon & Fils Brut Rosé 1er Cru NV | Pinot Noir £42.95

JEAN PERRIER ET FILS

Savoie | Gilles Perrier

Savoie may be one of France's smaller and lesser-known regions, but it is big on personality. One producer whose knowledge of the region runs deep is Jean Perrier, who started growing grapes in 1853. In a pioneering move for the region, Jean Victor Perrier was the first in Savoie to bottle his own wine in 1947. Today, Jean Perrier is operated by brothers Philippe, Christophe and Gilles, who took over in the 1980s from their father, Gilbert Perrier. The Perrier brothers farm their vineyards organically, even though they aren't certified, and harvest by hand. With a focus on indigenous grapes, their vineyards are planted to Jacquere, Altesse and Mondeuse, among others.

- Apremont Cuvee Gastronomie Jean Perrier 2018 | Jacquere £10.47
- Chignin Bergeron Fleur de Roussanne Jean Perrier 2017 | Roussanne £17.86 *
- Mondeuse Cuvee Gastronomie Jean Perrier 2017 | Mondeuse £13.59 *

PLAIMONT

Saint Mont and Madiran | Celine Dabadie

In 1979, André Dubosc convinced three wine cooperatives of Plaisance, Aignan and Saint-Mont to join forces – and initials – to set up a united wine producing group. His actions were transformative for the South Western region: up until that point, the grapes were grown for brandy production, but in the post-digestif era of the 70s, demand plummeted taking the local wine industry down with it. Today it's a different story: the group manages 5,000ha of vines and over 1000 growers contribute their grapes into an array of whites, reds and roses. The scale of their success is admirable, they represent 98% of Saint-Mont production, and nearly half of Cotes de Gascogne, Madiran and Pacherenc du Vic-Bilh production. Plaimont focus on preserving the flavour and identity of the region, using local varieties and reviving forgotten grapes.

- Les Trois Chevaliers St Mont Rouge 2015 | Cabernet Franc, Tannat, Fer Servadou £8.49
- Chateau Saint Benazit AOP Madiran Rouge 2012 | Tannat £10.18 *
- Chateau de Sabazan AOP St Mont Rouge 2012 | Tannat £16.37 *

ERMITAGE PIC ST LOUP

Languedoc-Roussillon | Jean-Marc Ravaille

Located 20km from Montpellier in a region that was historically known more for sheep and olive trees than vines, the Ermitage Pic St Loup estate covers 55ha of vineyards, with a further 300ha of woods on the property. Established by brothers Jean-Marc, Pierre and Xavier Ravaille, this is a family operation with a long winemaking history dating back to the 18th century. Produced from vines grown on different terrains – limestone, clay, red earth, gravel and pebbles – the wines show incredible balance. The estate has been working sustainably for several years and the brothers explain that care is particularly given to the cultivation of the vine, which is conducted entirely organically (with ECOCERT certification) and biodynamically (uncertified).

- Ermitage Pic Saint Loup Saint Agnes Blanc 2016 | Roussanne, Clairette, Grenache Blanc £16.83 *
- Ermitage Pic Saint Loup Tour de Pierres Rouge 2016 | Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre £12.35 *
- Ermitage Pic Saint Loup Saint Agnes Rouge 2015 | Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre £17.96

NEW CHATEAU GUIRAUD

Bordeaux | Sophie Balanger

The first Grand Cru classée to become organically certified and to use biodynamic practices, Guiraud's 85 hectares of vineyards are located on one of the hills above the village of Sauternes. They are planted with 65% Sémillon and 35% Sauvignon Blanc. The grapes are harvested in "tries" and the juice is then fermented in oak barrels. The wine is then aged in oak casks (50% new) for 2 years. The wines are astonishingly rich, especially in light of the high proportion of Sauvignon Blanc in the blend, and are undoubtedly amongst the finest wines being produced in Sauternes today.

- G de Guiraud Bordeaux Blanc 2016 | Sauvignon Blanc, Semillon £16.07
- Petit Guiraud Sauternes (37.5cl) 2016 | Semillon, Sauvignon £13.00
- Chateau Guiraud Sauternes (37.5cl) 2010 | Semillon, Sauvignon £25.57

Best of *the rest*

MARC KREYDENWEISS

Alsace & Rhone

In the 44 years of running his eponymous domaine, Marc has evolved his viticultural practices and since 1989, they have been operating completely biodynamically. The winery is located in Andlau, nestled at the bottom of the mountains, where the vineyards benefit from a continental climate, while the soils offer a unique mosaic of terroirs. Marc and his son, Antoine, focus on the classic whites of the region, including Pinot Blanc, Riesling, Pinot Gris and Gewurztraminer. In 1999, Marc decided to expand his operations beyond Alsace to acquire a property in Rhone's Costieres de Nimes. The region of Nimes, with its climate, soil and terroir, quickly emerged as the ideal place to expand their passion for red wine.

- Kritt Pinot Blanc Marc Kreydenweiss 2017 | Pinot Blanc £13.11
- Andlau Riesling Marc Kreydenweiss 2017 | Riesling £15.04
- Costieres de Nimes Grimaudes Rouge Marc Kreydenweiss 2016 | Grenache, Carignan £10.22 *
- Costieres de Nimes Perrieres Rouge Marc Kreydenweiss 2015 | Grenache, Carignan, Mourvedre £12.33 *

ALPHONSE MELLOT

Loire Valley

Alphonse Mellot is one of those rare, cool producers crafting excellent whites, reds and rosés in a very hands-on, biodynamic approach. Add to that their 500 years of winemaking experience, and it's understandable as to why they are beacons of quality in Loire Valley wine production. Now, 18th generation Alphonse Mellot and his son Alphonse Jr, tend their 47ha of vineyards that stretch across the upper Loire organically and biodynamically. They own a lot of individual vineyard plots, the most remarkable of them being the La Moussiere vineyard. La Moussiere is located in the upper Sancerre and has been classified as a unique category among the region's wines. A historic and beautiful site, this 30ha single vineyard is south facing, with rolling slopes and deep, limestone-rich kimmeridgian soil.

- Sancerre Blanc Les Romains Domaine Alphonse Mellot 2016 | Sauvignon Blanc £35.42 *
- Sancerre Rouge La Moussiere Domaine Alphonse Mellot 2014 | Pinot Noir £44.65 *

NEW BRUNO DUBOIS

Loire Valley

Bruno Dubois currently farms 3.5 hectares of vineyard ranging in age from 45-65 years old. The vineyards are inter-planted with native brush and trees, flora and fauna are nurtured with bird houses, bat shelters and bee hives. Bruno established himself in Saumur-Champigny in 2002. He immediately began to convert the vineyards to organics in 2002, and converted completely to 100% organics in 2004. In 2012 the vineyards were certified EcoCert and certified Demeter biodynamic 2015. Dubois' philosophy in the cellar is to produce wines with as little human interference as possible, native fermentation, no pumping, light extraction, no added sulfites (except for the white). The result is a transparent expression of the grapes that hold the integrity and history of Saumur-Champigny.

- Saumur Champigny Rouge Domaine Bruno Dubois 2017 | Cabernet Franc £16.84
- Saumur Champigny Cuvée du Coin Domaine Bruno Dubois 2016 | Cabernet Franc £20.25

DOMAINE GILBERT PICQ ET FILS

Chablis

Brothers Didier and Pascal Picq took over the domaine from their father in 1976, producing typically mineral, elegant and pure Chablis with a depth and age-worthiness that comes from their precise and strict winemaking. Nestled in the commune of Chichee, their hillside vineyards stretch across 32-acres, including the two premier crus of Vosgros and Vaucoupin. Soils vary from marl limestone in Vosgros, to Kimmeridgian limestone in Vaucoupin. With the 2006 vintage, the winery took a new direction. Native yeasts were experimented with instead of industrial yeast, and while the brothers' despaired at the slow fermentation at the time, the resulting depth and textures made it all worthwhile. Now, natural yeasts are the norm and only a light filtration takes place before bottling.

- Chablis Domaine Gilbert Picq et Fils 2017 | Chardonnay £14.11 *
- Chablis 1er Cru Vosgros Domaine Gilbert Picq et Fils 2015 | Chardonnay £19.71 *

DOMAINE GALLOIS

Burgundy

Located in the Cote de Nuits region of Burgundy, Domaine Gallois is a small boutique Estate that has been owned by the Gallois family for four generations. The estate is comprised of 4ha spread over 11 parcels and seven climates. Today the estate is run by Dominique Gallois, who is a relative newcomer in Burgundy. Before working at the Domaine he studied catering in Paris and ran his own restaurant for six years. His winemaking philosophy is all about respecting the nature, terroir and grapes as much as possible by minimising the use of chemicals and by maximising the use of natural fertilisers and mulching. Traditional winemaking with minimum intervention is the main rule.

- Gevrey Chambertin Domaine Gallois 2012 | Pinot Noir £37.57 *
- Gevrey Chambertin 1er Cru Petits Cazetiers Domaine Gallois 2013 | Pinot Noir £61.09 *

DOMAINE ROBERT DENOGENT

Burgundy

Claude Denogent took over his father's vineyards at the beginning of the 19th century. After handing over to his daughter Andrée and her husband Jean-Jacques Robert in the 70s, they expanded production into Beaujolais too, covering a 10ha area with more than 30 parcels, all produced from Chardonnay and Gamay. Today, it is still a family winery, run by Jean-Jacques and their two sons, Nicolas and Antoine. As members of Les Artisans Vignerons de Bourgogne du Sud - who represent 21 vineyards in the Macon region - every wine they craft has the terroir in mind. Especially as they source parcels from across a range of AOCs, vineyards and soils. Their winemaking takes on a simple and traditional approach, with minimal intervention.

- Pouilly Fuisse La Croix Vieilles Vignes Denogent 2015 | Chardonnay £25.24 *
- Pouilly Fuisse Les Cras Cuvée Claude Denogent 2016 | Chardonnay £29.68 *

RIJCKAERT

Burgundy & Jura

Domaine Rijckaert's careful and stripped back winemaking approach aims to express the typicity of the grape and the specificity of its terroir. Established in 1998 by Jean Rijckaert, a passionate Belgian wine producer, Jean cultivates 4ha of vines in Southern Burgundy, as well as 6ha in the Jura, where Jean fell in love with the unique and outstanding terroirs. Since 2013, Jean has gradually been passing on the torch of his passion to Florent Rouve, sharing the "savoir-faire" that has shaped the incredible reputation of his wines: restricted yields, manual harvesting, slow and moderate pressings, indigenous flora, long wine ageing, and a few other precious secrets!

- Vire Clesse 'Le Mont Chatelaine' Jean Rijckaert 2016 | Chardonnay £14.84 *
- Savagnin Les Sarres Domaine Rijckaert 2016 | Savagnin £18.12 *

NEW DOMAINE DE LA PINTE

Jura

Founded in 1953 by Roger Martin, Domaine de la Pinte started with 20ha of vineyards, half of which are Savagnin. Today it is 34ha in production. The stones are Jurassien chalk, which come from the Montesserain quarry. The production is entirely hand-harvested with 85% of the vineyard located just around the cellars. Soils: blue marl of Lias stretching from Arbois to Chateau Chalon. Bruno Ciofi, wine-maker, has tended the vines organically since 1999 and since 2009 has applied biodynamic principles to all the vineyards and in the cellar.

- Domaine de la Pinte Capitaine Arbois Rouge 2017 | Pinot Noir, Poulsard £12.98
- Domaine de la Pinte Vin Jaune Arbois 2009 | Savagnin POA

CAVE DUMAZET

Northern Rhone

Cave Dumazet is a very small boutique estate located in the Northern Rhone. The family estate was founded in 1870 but has been run by current winemaker Pierre Dumazet since 1978. The domaine has 4.5ha spread over St Joseph, Cornas, Cote Rotie and the Cote du Rhone AOC in the Northern part of the Rhone Valley. The estate is managed in a traditional way from the vineyard to the cellar. All the vines are planted on very steep terraces, which means there is no access for machines - therefore, all operations in the vineyard are carried out manually and absolutely no chemicals are used.

- Cotes du Rhone Viognier Cuvee Zenith Cave Dumazet 2015 | Viognier £24.78 *
- Condrieu Cuvee Rouelle Midi Cave Dumazet 2015 | Viognier £29.49 *

CHATEAU SAINT COSME

Southern Rhone

With its average of 60 year old vines, over 500 years of Barruol family ownership, and 14th generation winemaker Louis Barruol at the helm, you cannot dispute their establishment. Louis prides himself on the diversity of their geology that results in three distinctive plots. Le Poste, with its limestone and sand soils, often littered with fossils, produces the most refined wines from the estate. Le Claux, made up of limestone, clay and small gravels, creates the most "Burgundian Gigondas" with elegance and complexity. By contrast, the deepest and most powerful wines from the estate come from the Hominis Fides terroir, its sandy and limestone soils resulting in texture and refined tannins.

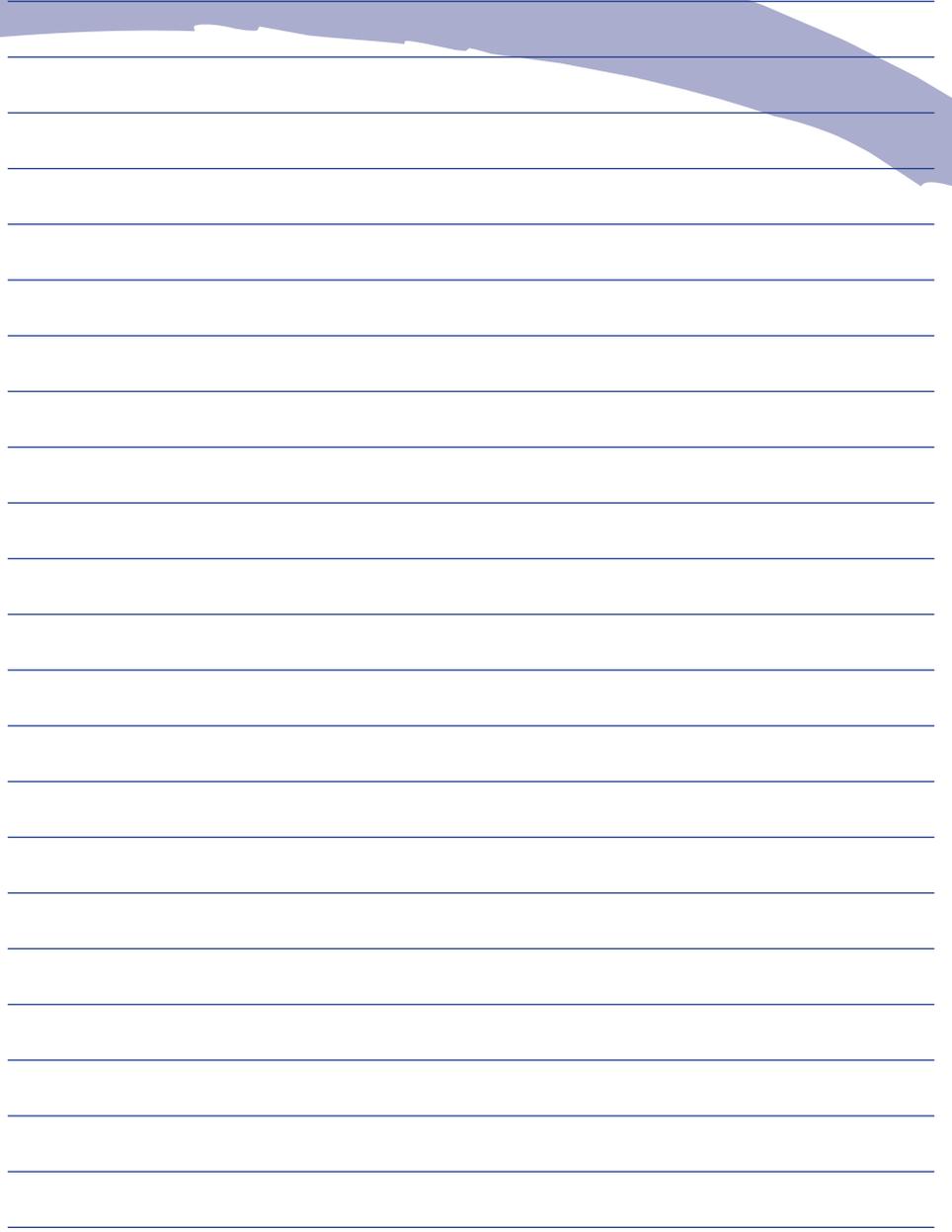
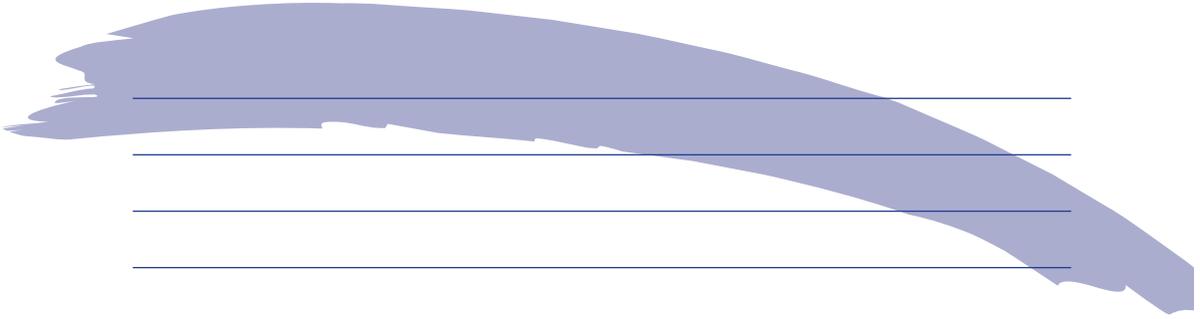
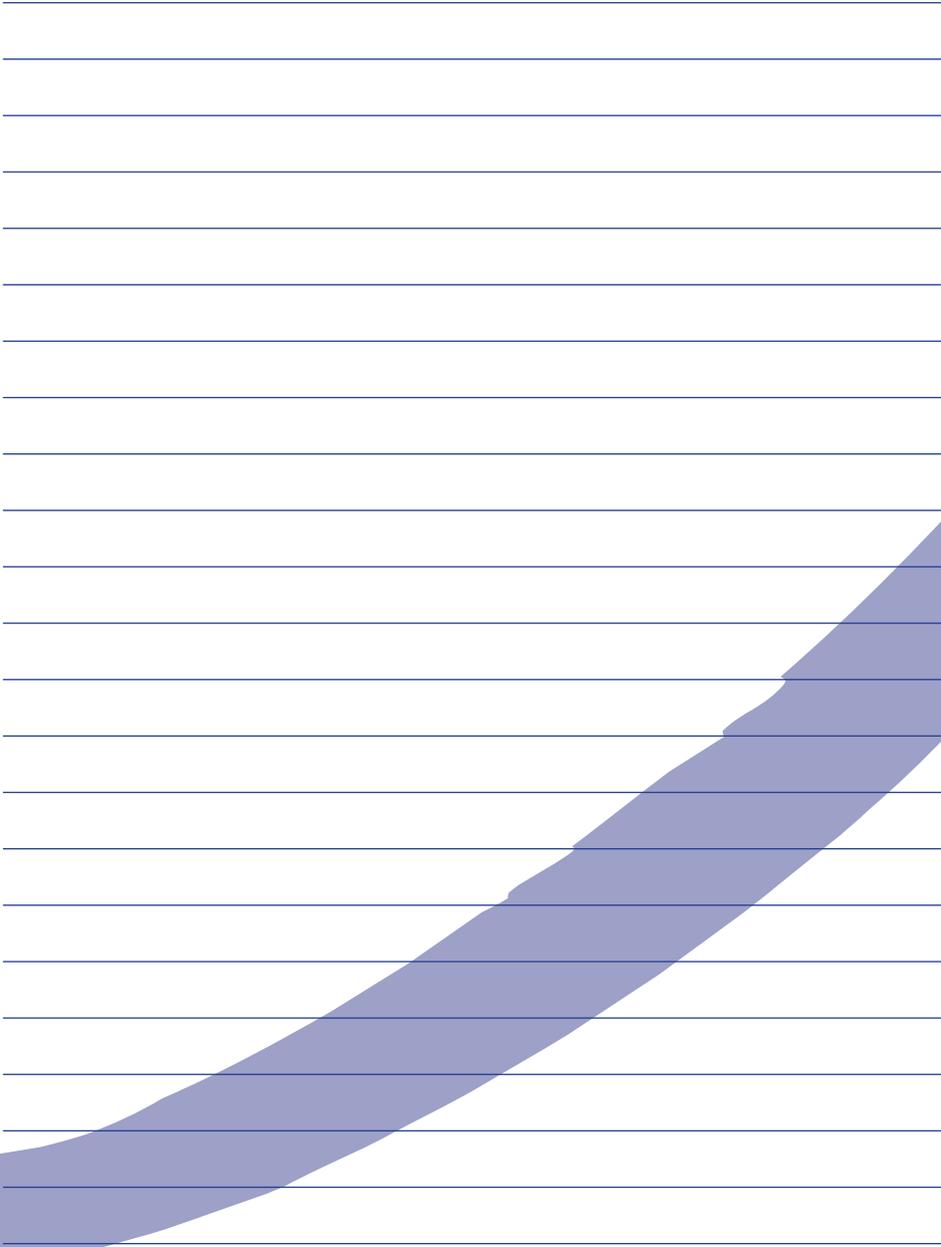
- Chateau de Saint Cosme Les Deux Albion Vaucluse Principaute d'Orange 2017 | Viognier, Marsanne, Picpoul £13.29
- Chateau Saint Cosme Gigondas 2016 | Grenache £24.96

DOMAINE GRAND VENEUR

Southern Rhone

Established in the northern part of Chateauneuf du Pape, the Jaume family has been dedicated to the art of wine growing since 1826. The family still runs the company today - the eponymous Alain Jaume is still very much involved in the business, but his two sons Christophe (winemaking) and Sebastian (sales and marketing) are now in day to day command. The cellars are located in Orange, just up the road from Chateauneuf du Pape. All the family's wines are impressive, balancing sweet fruit with classic southern Rhone warmth and spice. In the words of Robert Parker: "The wines are made in a polished, civilized, modern style, but they do not lack Provençal typicity."

- Chateauneuf du Pape Domaine Grand Veneur Le Miocene Blanc 2016 | Clairette, Rousanne £27.76
- Cotes du Rhone Villages Les Champavins Domaine Grand Veneur 2016 | Grenache £13.81



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