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Rhone 2016 - Vintage Report

For many, the Rhône remains a hidden jewel, held close to the chest by those in the know, greatly underestimated and even misunderstood by those brought up on Bordeaux and Burgundy, which is exactly how the passionate Rhônistas would like to keep it. However, after yet another fabulous vintage in 2016 this will surely change – it seems that the Rhône can do no wrong having enjoyed a sustained run of good and even better vintages from the beginning of the century, something not many regions can boast.

The 2016 growing season was, by and large, trouble free, albeit distinctly different in the northern and southern Rhône. In the north, cool, cloudy weather in the spring delayed budburst and flowering, resulting in the vines being a couple of weeks behind the average, however a very hot July and August remedied this, being almost too dry, with some rain in early September followed up by a warm, dry Indian summer lasting into October, allowing harvest to take place under perfect conditions. The only major hurdle was a significant hail storm over Hermitage in April which greatly damaged some vineyards.

In the south, conditions were warmer and drier in the early part of the season resulting in superbly even flowering, auguring a good sized harvest. July and August were hot but not unbearably so, with cooler nights refreshing the vines and allowing the fruit to mature more slowly, giving wines with lovely depth and spice yet with good levels of acidity as well, giving them the wherewithal to mature and evolve over several years.

We are delighted to offer these wines en primeur to you. Please note that, in some cases, stocks are extremely limited and therefore a quick response is recommended as wines will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please call us on 01353 721 999 to place your order and for advice and assistance in choosing the best wines for your palate.

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Château Beauchêne*please note that the white wines are from the 2017 vintage*

Côtes du Rhône Blanc Grande Réserve, Château Beauchêne	2017	12 per case	£62
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Pale green gold with a lightly fruited nose, lime flowers, fresh, gorgeously plump behind the racy fruit too. Sweet and tactile on the palate, very juicy, with really lovely balance between fruit, acidity and some phenolics for bite. Drink 2018 - 2020

Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Château Beauchêne	2017	12 per case	£155
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Pale gold, with a racy, fresh nose of lime flowers and sweet citrus-infused fruit going to a palate of white pears, rich and with just enough acidity for balance. Drink 2019 - 2024

Côtes du Rhône Villages Premier Terroir, Château Beauchêne	2016	12 per case	£76
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Red black to vibrant on the rim with a juicy nose of autumn fruits, brambly, with some new wood and some cedary notes too, leading to a deliciously savoury palate of rich black fruits, new wood, tar and spice, grilled, rich and intense, utterly delicious! Violets and light grilled notes on the finish – all this and stunning value too. Drink 2019 - 2025

Châteauneuf du Pape Vignobles de la Serrière Château Beauchêne	2016		£155
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Deep red black to the rim, not opaque, with nose of rich jammy black fruits, spiced and with hints of *garrigue* and wild thyme, tarry and rich, leading to a palate of more of the same, dense, intense, spiced and again wild herbs and tar, a really gorgeous expression of Châteauneuf and punching way above its weight. Drink 2021 - 2030

Domaines Brunier & Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc, Clos de la Roquette	2016	6 per case	£129
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Vibrant gold, yellow not green with a gorgeous nose of creamed white fruits, honeysuckle and citrus with limestone and chalk in the background. On the palate the sweet, rich white fruits are layered, complex and really exciting with honey, leafy white fruit, white stone fruits and ripe pear flavours going to a lingering, rounded finish. Drink 2018 - 2020.

Gigondas Les Racines, Domaine des Pallières	2016	6 per case	£96
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Deep red to the rim, with a nose of spiced, perfumed black fruits, vibrant and sweet, spiced with a palate of intense ripe fruit, racy, linear, with big ripe tannins behind the rich primary fruit, very fresh with a hint of Christmas spice on the end palate and some red jam notes too. Very stylish. Drink 2021 - 2027

Châteauneuf du Pape Télégramme Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe	2016	6 per case	£114
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Deep vibrant red black with spiced, grassy, herby notes on the nose, red flowers and green stems behind, musky and almost curranty. Fresh and vibrant on the palate with easy red berry fruits, lovely spice and ripe, supple, subtle tannins, very youthful but already alluring. Lovely wine. Drink 2018 - 2022

Châteauneuf du Pape Piedlong	2016	6 per case	£140
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This is a new venture from grapes (90% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre) grown on a stony plateau at 130 metres above sea level. Red black with some tawny hints on the rim, tarry on the nose, some green stemmed fruit, somewhat closed at present, leading to palate of fresh, juicy, ripe cooked fruit, almost spiced like a gewürztraminer with lovely richness, jammy yet fresh with substantial tannins behind, very different in style to the traditional Télégraphe wines. Drink 2019 - 2027+

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Blagden et Gonnet

Châteauneuf du Pape Le Bois Pointu, Blagden et Gonnet	2016		6 per case	£212
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This year the blend includes the rarely seen Counoise grape, giver of spice and acidity, representing 15% of the blend, the highest to date as new vines come on stream. Deep red black not dense with a nose of sweet black fruits, very tight with mineral notes, fresh too, some red flowers, with more of the same on the palate – floral with a hint of roses, some orange zest, really elegant, floral, dense and ripe, with notes of *garrigue* spice, mineral and tarry, really stunning with super ripe tannins, and dense right to the end. A fabulous wine from the Blagden et Gonnet partnership. Drink 2023 - 2035

Domaine Le Clos des Cazaux

Vacqueyras Cuvée des Templiers, Le Clos des Cazaux	2016	bottles	12 per case	£112
		magnums	6 per case	£122

Deep purple black, almost opaque, with a nose of crushed black fruits, ripe brambly notes with blackcurrant too, tactile. Intense, dense black fruits on the palate, with notes of violets and brambly black fruit, deeply fruited, floral too, stony and inky yet deliciously plummy as well. Drink 2020 - 2026+

Gigondas La Tour Sarrasine, Le Clos des Cazaux	2016	bottles	12 per case	£127
		magnums	6 per case	£137

Deep red black with some incense on the nose, rich, spiced, with black fruits behind leading to a palate of huge black fruits, supple and sweet, very ripe with lovely balance and acidity behind, tactile again, with some leafy notes and freshly crushed blackcurrants. Long, rich and intense on the finish, with noticeable acidity and a lovely mineral streak too. Drink 2020 - 2027

Domaine Font de Michelle

Châteauneuf du Pape Tradition Domaine Font de Michelle	2016	bottles	12 per case	£220
		magnums	6 per case	£240
		double magnum	1 per case	£100

Red black with some jammy black fruit on the nose, creamy and rich, not as primary as some of the 2016s, rich and stylish, leading to a tarry palate spiced with grilled new wood, herby and fresh with vibrant black fruits, crushed black skins, deliciously layered. Initially closed before opening up to rich, layered black fruits; this is possibly the most intense, and best, Font de Michelle Tradition in years. Drink 2021 - 2030

Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Etienne Gonnet Domaine Font de Michelle	2016	bottles	6 per case	£190
		magnums	3 per case	£210
		double magnum	1 per case	£150

Deep black with intense pruneey, plummy black fruit on the nose, some spice and herby too, leading to a palate of deliciously concentrated black fruit, tarry, plummy, some new wood, sweet and intense, really vibrant and mineral with a fabulously long finish. Wow! Drink 2022 - 2035

Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Élégance de Jeanne Domaine Font de Michelle	2016	bottles	6 per case	£226
		magnums	3 per case	£246
		double magnum	1 per case	£175

Rich red black to the rim but not opaque with a nose of floral, tarry black fruit, very different to the Etienne Gonnet, very pretty and elegant rather than a blockbuster. Rich on the palate, tarry with some oriental spice, almost musk / incense, again very pretty with almost port-like floral qualities – particularly rock rose – with fine acidity and long ripe tannins on the finish. A picture of elegance, as the name suggests. Drink 2022 - 2033+

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NORTHERN RHÔNE

Domaine Stéphane Ogier

Viognier La Rosine, Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£80
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Fresh white stone fruits on the nose, floral, some green leaf too, fresh and racy. Palate rich, sweet, bright, with peachy fruit, really broad and intense, deliciously rich and long with vibrant acidity on the end. Drink 2018 - 2022

Condrieu La Combe de Malleval, Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£145
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Bright gold, with rich white stone fruits on the nose, some floral aromas, citrus and a touch of new wood, really alluring with stony, mineral fruit too. Gloriously rich on the palate with lovely vibrant white stone fruits, peachy, with fresh acidity to a ripe, balanced finish. Truly stunning. Drink 2018 - 2024

Condrieu Les Vignes de Jacques Vernay, Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£230
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Bright green gold, with a nose of white stone fruits, pure, mineral, rich yet very restrained too. On the palate, deliciously rich white stone fruits, lemony, some honey notes, mineral again and some spice behind (star anise), beautifully fresh and racy to a long, ripe, citrus finish. Drink 2018 - 2024

Le Temps est Venu, Côtes du Rhône, Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£40
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Vibrant red black to lighter on the rim with a delicious note of spicy red fruits, sweet and attractive, very primary and fresh, leading to a palate of pure, unadulterated red and black fruits, with spice and crunch, really delicious to a long, rich finish of soft, rounded fruits. Such good value! Drink 2018 - 2024

St Joseph, Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£82
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Côte Rôtie Réserve, Stéphane Ogier	2016	6 per case	£275
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Domaine Pierre Gaillard

St Péray, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£65
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This blend of Marsanne and Roussanne is bright green gold, quite deep, with a gorgeous peachy nose, leafy, with some nicely complex oxidative notes, leading to a lovely palate of sweet, rich, peachy flavours with warm stone fruits on the end and a nice, racy bite. Classic white Rhône. Drink 2018 - 2021

Condrieu, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£125
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Bright green gold with a rich nose of leafy white stone fruits and lime flowers, really attractive, leading to a palate of fresh, vibrant fruits, mouth-wateringly juicy and intense, racy too, with lovely acidity and a long and vibrant finish. Drink 2019 - 2024

St Joseph Clos de Cuminaille, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£82
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Red black, less deeply coloured than other wines, with rich floral black fruit, mineral and intense on the nose, leading to a palate of thick brambly black fruit with some spice behind, delicious and rich, really lovely and balanced to a spiced and tarry finish. Brooding. Drink 2020 - 2028

Cornas, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£125
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Deepish red black with black fruits on the nose, tarry and spiced with hints of blueberries and even mulberry too with a distant note of new wood. On the palate rich, intense black fruits, tarry and inky, really perfumed, spiced and vibrant, with a long, developing finish. Drink 2021 - 2028

Côte Rôtie, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£155
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Deep red black with a nose of orange zest, floral with crushed black fruits. Intense crushed black fruits on the palate, rich, dense yet racy with lovely balance and acidity, really pure and mineral, long and gorgeous. Drink 2022 - 2030+

Côte Rôtie Rose Pourpre, Domaine Pierre Gaillard	2016	6 per case	£315
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Domaine Vincent Paris

Granit Blanc, Vincent Paris	2016	6 per case	£58
Bright gold with a yellow tinge and perfumed on the nose, floral, white fruit, some herbs, really racy and alluring with some musky notes too. Zesty white fruits on the palate, soft and supple, white pears and white flowers, sweet with just enough acidity to balance, going to a white pear finish. Delicious. Drink 2018 - 2021			
St Joseph Les Côtes, Vincent Paris	2016	6 per case	£76
Vibrant red black, not deep, with a very primary, herby nose of fresh red berries, some spice, grassy but velvety too. On the palate the creamed black and red fruit is tarry, spiced, fresh, vibrant, this is proper Syrah, perfumed with violets, going to a really long, evolving finish with ripe but not massive tannins. Drink 2020 - 2025			
Cornas Granit 30, Vincent Paris	2016	6 per case	£104
Deep vibrant red black to the rim with a stunning nose of red flowers, violets and leather, rich, intense and tarry with perfume and spice too. Opulent leathery red fruits on the palate, intense, with substantial but ripe tannins on entry, really layered and rich, racy too – this is a wine that covers all bases. Long and rich, intense with a lingering finish. It is notable how different these wines are to others from the same appellation. Drink 2022 - 2032+			
Cornas Granit 60, Vincent Paris	2016	6 per case	£140
Deep vibrant red black to the rim with a nose of violets and creamed black fruits, spice, leather, some wax, herbs. The big, spiced black fruits on the palate are ripe with substantial tannins behind, totally masked by the fruit, intense and structured, beautifully layered and spiced, really interesting, with a grassy, herbal note behind. Really good wine. Drink 2024 - 2030+			
Cornas La Geynale, Vincent Paris	2016	6 per case	£178
Very deep, intense red black to the rim, with a tarry, dusty nose, intense, with a hint of rose petals and herbs behind – alluring and really pure Syrah. The palate is intense, rich, dense and dark but not brooding as in other years, with lots of herbs and spice behind the rich red and black fruit, a hint of tea, and long on the finish. So stunning you almost don't want to move away... Drink 2024 - 2032			

Les Vins de Vienne

Condrieu la Chambée, Les Vins de Vienne	2016	6 per case	£155
Paler gold with a nose of rich, stony white fruit, intense and floral but without the flamboyance of other Condrieus from 2016, leading to a palate of lovely saline white stone fruit, fresh, mineral, racy, with a hint of anise on the mid-palate, deliciously light and floral yet with distinct power behind. Good balance and acidity lead to a surprisingly long, developing finish. Drink 2019 - 2023+			
St Joseph Le Biez, Les Vins de Vienne	2016	6 per case	£108
Dense rich black to the rim, inky with spiced myrtle on the nose. Rich and intense on the palate, deliciously spicy and inky black fruit, intense and tactile, perfumed and racy with some hints of tar on the finish and a note of violets behind. Drink 2020 - 2027			
Côte Rôtie Les Essartilles, Les Vins de Vienne	2016	6 per case	£162
Less intense in colour but still vibrant to the rim with spiced black fruits on the nose, some warm, lighter and floral leading to a palate of lightly spiced black fruits, sweet and tarry, fresh and elegant, refreshing and almost ethereal. Long, poised and balanced to the end. Drink 2021 - 2029			
Hermitage Les Chirats de St Christophe, Les Vins de Vienne	2016	6 per case	£219
Côte Rôtie Les Grandes Places, Les Vins de Vienne	2016	6 per case	£328
Deep, dense black to the rim with no break in the colour. On the nose deep prune black fruit, mineral and dense, really layered and sweet, almost like a pudding rather than a wine; stunning with fine acidity and incredibly supple tannins behind; perfumed, long, ripe, layered and intense. Delicious. Drink 2022 - 2033			