



# E. GUIGAL



## Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2016

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#### ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

#### WINE

The Guigal family owns some of the most hallowed vineyards in the Rhône Valley and the world and makes some of the most sought-after wines in the world. Yet you are undoubtedly more likely to spend time with them speaking about their Côtes du Rhône Rouge. Given that this particular wine can be the introduction to the entire Rhône Valley for a drinker, as well as the position the Guigals occupy in the Rhône Valley, it is not enough for the Guigals to make a good Côtes du Rhône, they are relentlessly driven to produce a distinctive and outstanding wine that drives interest in exploring the Rhône.

#### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Sedimentary, limestone and granite soils, with many pebbles and alluvial deposits. Yields: average yield around 2.1 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years.

*Grape Varieties:* 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache and 10% Mourvèdre

#### WINEMAKING

*Fermentation:* In stainless steel, punching down twice a day for good extraction.

*Aging:* 18 months in oak barrels.

#### VINTAGE

The 2016 vintage to the Southern Rhône Valley is akin to the absolutely outstanding 2015 in the North. There was an extended growing season, which provided freshness in the Grenache and the ripeness in the Mourvedre. The Syrah is supple and generous in style. The 2016 is full-bodied, with a layered, bright, racy style.

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“Deep, brilliant ruby color. Expansive dark berry, cherry, floral and spice aromas show very good clarity and pick up darker olive and licorice notes as the wine opens up. Sweet and energetic on the palate, offering juicy cherry, blackberry flavors and a spicy jolt of cracked pepper. Finishes with impressive length, sneaky tannins and a lingering suggestion of candied flowers...delivers outstanding value. The inherent elegance of the 2016 vintage comes through loud and clear. It'll age well, too, if one is so inclined.”