



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Château d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.



Côtes du Rhône Rouge 2016

Rhône Valley, France

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 of 2.1 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 50% Syrah, 40% Grenache, 10% Mourvèdre
Fermentation: The wine sees a traditional lengthy maceration in stainless steel, punching down twice a day for good extraction
Aging: 18 months in neutral oak
Alcohol: 14.5%

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 ripeness in the Mourvedre. The Syrah is supple and generous in style.

JEB DUNNUCK

"Full-bodied and generous, with a layered, ripe, sexy style. It has similar aromatics to the 2015 yet cuts a wider path across the palate." - JD, 9/2019

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