



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 Rosé 2019

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 has made serious rosé wines since the 1940s, and their Côtes du Rhône Rosé, like all their Côtes du Rhône wines, is humble in name only. The wine bursts with irresistible fresh red fruits and yet is also long and satisfying. Because of its quality and body, it's a rosé that you can bring to the table, and do so all year long. It is a rose that offers both refreshment and pleasure.

### 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:* 70% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 10% Syrah

*Fermentation:* The wine is handled in the same way as their far more limited Tavel rosé, which hails from the single top appellation in France for rosé. The key is a brief and perfectly timed maceration followed by a long, cool fermentation. The quality of the grapes brings an array of fruit, mineral and even a touch of spice notes, as well as both an appetizing fleshiness and a frame that carries the wine along.

*Aging:* In stainless steel vats.

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

### VINTAGE

2019 is another excellent vintage for the Rhône Valley, with exceptional potential quality in both the North and South. A dry spring was followed by a moderate summer featuring three distinct heat spikes; harvest occurred normally in mid-September. The grapes were ripe and concentrated with excellent natural acidity, and the wines are rich but balanced and expressive. Another superb vintage for the region.

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"Light, bright orange-pink. Vibrant red currant, raspberry and orange zest aromas show very good clarity and take on a spicy white pepper quality with air. In a lithe, precise style, offering tangy red berry and blood orange flavors and a subtle floral nuance. Finishes taut and dry, with clinging spiciness and a touch of succulent herbs. This is a pretty grown-up wine for the category. All stainless steel." - JR, 4/2020

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