



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.



Hermitage Rouge 2019

Rhône Valley, France

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding their story becomes. 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

Hermitage is one of France's most spectacular and famous appellations, producing small quantities of extraordinarily intense and age worthy red wine and tiny amounts of dry white. The entire vineyard consists of 309 acres planted on a single granite hillside on the East bank of the Rhône. Hermitage Rouge is the quintessential Syrah, balancing power with finesse and complexity in a wine capable of aging and improving for decades in the cellar.

VINEYARD

Soils: From 4 parcels in Hermitage, planted on limestone, granite/clay loam and sandy top soils that lie above the granite mother rock. These vineyards are the source for Ermitage Ex-Voto Rouge and Blanc in years when those are produced. To supplement this production and in years when Ex Voto is produced, they purchase grapes and wines from exceptional small growers, some of whom they have worked with for over 50 years.
Yields: Average of 1.8 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 30 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 100% Syrah

Fermentation: Grape are hand harvested before undergoing a vinification of 3 weeks in temperature controlled stainless steel vats with frequent pump-overs.

Aging: 36 months in barrels coopered exclusively by Guigal, 50% of which were new. Bottling is done without fining or filtration.

Alcohol: 15%

VINTAGE

2019 looks to be a nearly perfect vintage in the Northern Rhône. Following a cool spring, flowering was normal, setting a normal crop – a relief after two short harvests. Hail impacted Crozes Hermitage, but vineyards further north were not impacted. July was the hottest on record in the Rhône, but August brought some welcome rain leading into a warm and even September with perfect harvest conditions. Guigal harvested their Condrieu vineyards between September 10th and 20th, bringing in concentrated fruit with excellent acidity – better balance than even the excellent 2018.

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"Glass-staining ruby. Powerful, mineral- and smoke-accented black and blue fruit, potpourri, olive and vanilla aromas acquire a spicy nuance as the wine opens up. Offers densely packed cherry-cola, cassis and blueberry flavors that show excellent clarity and a smoky top note. Finishes impressively long, youthfully chewy and spicy, with building tannins and a suave, lingering candied violet note." - J.R. 12/2022

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