

# RHÔNE VALLEY

**Domaine Durand Saint-Péray 2018** 50% Marsanne, 50% Rousanne. Saint-Péray, Northern Rhône

The wine pours a mid-gold color and exhibits great freshness both on the nose and palate. Flavors of apricot and ripe stone fruits balance with orange citrus to create a dynamic interplay of richness and zing. The palate is light with excellent flavor intensity, leading into a long, elegant finish.- Princeton Corkscrew Wines

**Domaine Combiar Crozes-Hermitage Rouge 2018** 100% Syrah. Northern Rhone  
Bramble and sage perfume crisp blackberry cassis in this decadently fruity Syrah. It's joyfully primary but kept on point by a vital frame of acidity and fine, lingering tannins. Enjoy this immediately hedonistic but finessed wine now through 2028.-93 points Wine Enthusiast

**Château Trinquedelle Tavel Rosé 2020** 55% Grenache, 18% Cinsault, 13% Clairette, 10% Syrah, 3% Mourvèdre, 1% Bourboulenc. Tavel, Southern Rhône

The singular Tavel AOP stands out not just for its production of bright red rosé but also because it happens to be the only appellation in France from which blanc and rouge are excluded. For winemakers Guillaume and Céline Demoulin, this means all their best plots from the hilltops of the Montagne Noire are destined for one heady blend of Grenache, Clairette, Cinsault, Syrah, and Mourvèdre. This dark, autumnal rosé is a beacon of tradition in a sea of paler styles. Its bold, yet versatile personality can carry a meal from the heartiest apéritif of rich rillettes or briny black tapenade all the way through meatier courses like crispy whole fish or garlicky spring lamb. – Kermit Lynch

*Pink dress like raspberry, expressive nose with notes of little red berries. On the palate, the wine is very balanced and in line with the nose. The palate is full with a long length. Good acidity provides a tense finale. Beautiful complexity, fine, fresh, fruity and elegant Tavel.* – Winemaker notes

**Stéphane Ogier Côtes du Rhône "Le Temps est Venu" 2018** 60% Grenache, 35% Syrah, and 5% Mourvèdre.

Stephen Dunnuck calls 100-point winemaker Stéphane Ogier “one of the most exciting domaines in the world of wine today.” His collector Côte-Rôties will cost you \$300+. Today’s Côtes du Rhône is a deal for the ages. Tasting notes: Ruby red with garnet reflections. Heady aromas of smashed black raspberry, spiced plum, and wild herbs. Soft and gorgeous on the palate, the voluptuous mouthfeel shows supple tannins and spicy overtones. This wine shows the pedigree of appellations like Châteauneuf-du-Pape or Gigondas in a softer, more elegant package, with notes of black olive and dried

flowers on the finish. Fantastic to the very last sip. Drink now - 2029. – Wine Access

**Domaine de La Garrigue Vacqueyras 2018**

More rounded and fleshy than the 2017, yet also tannic, the 2018 Vacqueyras has classic notes of red and black fruits, garrigue, and pepper. Based on **80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and the rest Cinsault and Mourvèdre**, brought up all in tank, it's going to benefit from a year or two of bottle age yet keep for upwards of a decade. – Jeb Dunnuck, 91 points