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Côte-Rôtie Château d'Ampuis 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

The Guigal family spent 15 years restoring Château d'Ampuis, a historic property whose oldest sections date back to the 11th century. The Château d'Ampuis has been the symbol of the town of Ampuis and the world-renowned Côte-Rôtie vineyard area for ten centuries. When the Guigal family learned that there was at one time a wine produced with the name Château d'Ampuis, they decided to produce an exceptional wine that would showcase the best that Côte-Rôtie has to offer. This is an emblematic expression of the terroir and flagship of the Guigals.

VINEYARD

Soils: A blend of 7 hillside vineyards located on the Côte Blonde and the Côte Brune: La Garde, Le Clos, La Grante Plantee, La Pommier, Le Pavillon Rouge, Le Moulin, and more recently, La Viria.

Yields: Average of 1.5 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 50 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 93% Syrah, 7% Voignier

Fermentation: Temperature controlled, lasting 4 weeks in closed stainless steel tanks

Aging: 38 months in new oak barrels

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2019 is the latest in an unprecedented string of magnificent vintages in the Northern Rhône Valley, with extremely high quality in all appellations and at all levels. Following the intense but also charming 2017s, and the forceful and forward 2018s, the 2019 reds are once again powerful wines with deep, healthy colors and pinpoint balance. Acidity levels and tannin content are both higher in this vintage than in the two prior, framing the 2019s as a hypothetical cross between the classic 2016s and the rich, forward 2018s. Yields were impacted by hail in some appellations, but outside of Crozes-Hermitage the damage was slight, and 2019 overall was a vintage of average size. The intensely concentrated fruit, framed by healthy acidity and deep, ripe tannins is perfectly suited to Guigal's method of extended élevage, and the 2019s should prove to be among the longest-lived vintages in recent memory.

JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2019 Côte Rôtie Chateau D'Ampuis is another beautiful, layered, incredibly impressive wine. Ripe darker fruits, smoked meats, tapenade, and ground pepper all define the bouquet, and it's full-bodied, with a wealth of baby fat, lots of tannins, and a great, great finish. It's certainly in line with past vintages and perhaps shows a touch more tannic structure than the 2018." - J.D., 12/2022

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