

# CÔTES DU RHÔNE SYRAH: DOMAINE CLAPE



## Style

Red, Dry, Full bodied

## Region

Southern Rhône

## Wine Maker

Auguste, Pierre & Olivier Clape

## Appellation

Côtes du Rhône

## Cepage

100% Syrah

## Tasting Note

In short, it is a high-quality declassified Cornas, exhibiting light pepper and spice characteristics.

## Serve

Game, Pork, Beef

## Cellarage

Drinks well from release, but will age well for five years.

## Vinification

Produced from two plots outside the appellation with vines of up to 100 years old, plus grapes that the Clapes deem unsuitable for Cornas. The wine is aged in cask and bottled in July after the harvest.

## History

The Clapes farm 5.38 hectares of vines at Cornas with further parcels classed as Côtes du Rhône and Saint-Péray. Although there have been Clapes at Cornas for at least 250 years, Auguste (who has ostensibly retired but is still on hand to give sage advice) is a first generation vigneron having acquired his vines through marriage to his wife Henriette, his first vintage was in 1949. Auguste was joined by his (then 40 year-old) son Pierre in 1989 (who is now the President of the local growers union) and he has been joined in turn by his son Olivier. The entire Clape operation is infused with a sense of cautious modesty and genial simplicity they have secured a profound international reputation by consistently producing top quality wine.

