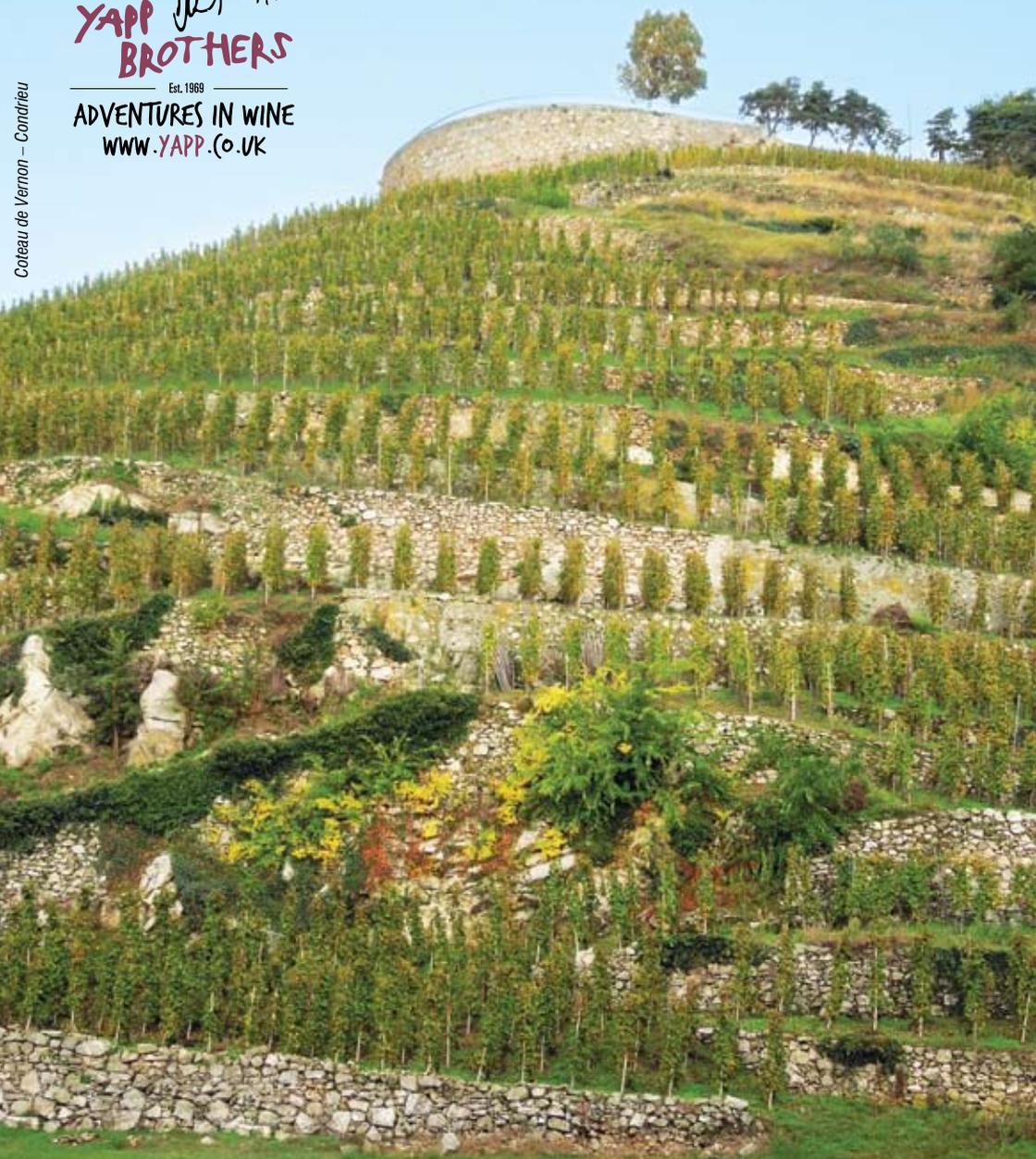




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Coteau de Vernon – Condrieu



2012 Rhône Report & Offer



Olivier and Pierre Clape

HOW IT WORKS

With over 40 years' experience of shipping wines from the Rhône, we are delighted to be able to offer you a comprehensive range of the Rhône's finest wines, laid out over the following pages.

All the wines are annotated either with independent testimonial (and stated as such) or with Jason Yapp's recent personal tasting notes and scores.

Some of these wines are already bottled and shipped. These are listed on pages 4 and 5 can be purchased now for next working day delivery, as usual.



The majority are offered en primeur for purchase now, with delivery in 2014. These Rhône 2012 en primeur wines are offered 'in bond', exclusive of duty and VAT. To buy these wines you need to telephone Yapp Brothers - 01747 860 423 - and we will confirm when they are likely to arrive in the UK and discuss your delivery and storage options. These options and their related charges are listed on the inside back cover.

The En Primeur Offer closes on Monday 16th December 2013, so contact us now if you want to have these great value wines in your cellar.

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VINTAGE OVERVIEW

“While most of France's major wine regions struggled in 2012, the Rhône stands apart. Vintners are positive after a growing season and harvest marked by dry, sunny weather and well-timed rains.” **James Molesworth** *The Wine Spectator*

“As an example of what has happened in the Rhône this year, Patrick Jasmin’s Syrah from the Blonde comes in at 12.44°, very satisfactory. Colours are good in both NORTH and SOUTH, and the wines that I have tasted so far, ranging up to 4 weeks old, have had aromatic fruit and better, more profound tannins than 2011. Growers prefer the vintage to 2011, and consider the wines to have the structure to be successful and to live better than 2011. I do not disagree.”

John Livingstone-Learmonth www.drinkrhône.com

“2012: Surpassing 2011 and producing rich, fruit-loaded and moderately concentrated wines, 2012 was a sunny, dry vintage that should slot in beside, or slightly behind, 2009, in terms of quality. Coming closest, in my mind, to a lighter styled 2010.”

Jeb Dunnuck on **Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2012** in *The Wine Advocate* # 209 October 2013

Unlike elsewhere in France, the 2012 vintage in the Rhône was very good, if not necessarily historic, but generally superior to the very respectable 2011 vintage, with most winemakers preferring the 2012s.

In contrast to this year, when many growers have not yet started picking (as at 25 September 2013), most vignerons had finished harvesting in 2012 by the end of September. Generally yields were down 10-20% across the board, but quality was good – comparisons have been made with the excellent 2000 vintage – which yielded rounded, fruity wines of great elegance and charm.

Indeed, Jean-Pierre Boisson, patron of Domaine du Père Caboche and long-serving mayor of Châteauneuf-du-Pape told us that he rated the 2012 vintage amongst the top five of his long career.



RHÔNE 2012 WINES AVAILABLE NOW

For Immediate delivery

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SOUTHERN RHÔNE

WHITE

Domaine Saint Gayan

Côtes du Rhône Villages Sablet

£147.00

'Only one bottle in 20 made in the Rhône is white, but when they get the white right they are spot on. Five different grapes go into the luscious Sablet made by Jean-Pierre Meffre, including Viognier and Roussanne. So for a relatively cheap wine, it has rich layers of complexity which I found deeply satisfying.' **Simon Hoggart, The Spectator**

Domaine Maby

Lirac 'La Fermade'

£143.40

'What it lacks in the cachet of a grand appellation this versatile and crowd-pleasing blend of Clairette, Grenache Blanc and Picpoul more than repays in the glass. With a bountiful bouquet of apricots and wild flowers and a smooth, sensuous orchard fruit palate preceding a clean, dry finish it makes a great match for fish and chicken dishes.' **15.5/20**

RED

Domaine de Père Caboché

Vin de Pays de Vaucluse 'Petit Caboché'

£107.40

'A blend of Grenache, Caladoc, Marselan and Syrah that is dangerously drinkable. Very sweetly aromatic perfumed nose leads to a pure palate of supple, sweet cherry fruit with real finesse and elegance, finishing spicy. An utter bargain.' **91/100 Jamie Goode www.wineanorak.com**

NORTHERN RHÔNE

WHITE

Domaine Alain Graillot

Crozes-Hermitage

£237.00

'This classic 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne blend is bottled under screwcap to preserve its ripe, white, stone fruit scents and youthful vigour. It has an appealing, pale, straw colour and mid-weight 'peaches and cream' palate supported by touches of glycerin that yield to a soft, elegant, dry finish. It's delicious on its own and will stand up well to fish or poultry. It is not particularly complex or ageworthy but it is a wine that is extremely hard not to like!' **16.5/20**

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**Domaine Georges Vernay
Vin de Pays des Collines
Rhodaniennes 'Le Pied de
Samson'**

£275.40

'This relative bargain hails from the Vernays' most elevated Viognier vine holdings and thus misses out on AOC Condrieu status. It is an object lesson in wine-making restraint from Georges' daughter Christine, with the emphasis being on elegance and finesse rather than power and concentration.

Alluring almond and acacia flower scents precede a palate of white peaches and pears offset by delicate mineral notes. It is intended for relatively forward drinking over the next 2-3 years.' **17/20**



**Domaine Georges Vernay
Condrieu 'Les Terrasses de l'Empire'**

£510.00

'This benchmark Condrieu is the Vernays' principal bottling in volume terms. It has a bright bouquet of honeysuckle and tropical fruit and a ripe, rounded palate with appealing white peach, almond and tangerine notes and a sumptuous, taffeta-soft finish.' **17.5/20**

RED

**Equis: Maxime Graillot and Thomas Schmittel
Crozes-Hermitage 'Equinoxe'**

£171.00

'This bright, juicy, Spring-bottled Crozes-Hermitage is expressly made to be drunk on its exuberant, youthful fruit. With an appealing bouquet of crushed blackcurrants and a sleek, smooth palate of dark berries and cherries with hints of black pepper and the softest of tannins this is an unashamedly commercial Syrah that one could happily chill and drink with plate of cheese and charcuterie.' **16/20** [Bottled under screw-cap].

**Domaine Georges Vernay
Vin de Pays des Collines Rhodaniennes 'La Miribaudie'**

£177.00

Doyenne of Condrieu, Christine Vernay, is fast-gaining accolades as a red wine maker to add to her impressive CV. This precocious Vin de Pays is an excellent entry-point to her superb range of Syrah. *'Vibrant, fruity, youthful Syrah from Domaine Georges Vernay with a generous concentration of supple, brambly fruit, good cedar and sandalwood aromas, and a ripe, rounded, spicy mid-palate with diverse flavours of plums, cassis, and coffee over soft and smooth tannins.'* **16/20**

'EN PRIMEUR' RHÔNE WINES FOR DELIVERY IN 2014

[Domaine de Trévallon 2012 will be available for delivery early in 2015.]

CÔTE-RÔTIE

Patrick Jasmin

Patrick has the advantage of owning 11 different parcels of vines running across the Côte Brune and Blonde escarpments which gives him an enviably broad palette of fruit to work with. His vines are planted in a field blend of 95% Syrah and 5% Viognier that are traditionally vinified in vat, barrel and 300 litre demi-muids for a minimum of 18 months prior to blending and bottling.

'Always an elegant, readily-accessible, 'Burgundian'-styled offering, barrel samples of Patrick Jasmin's 2012 wine revealed all the components of a fabulous, fruit-driven vintage. There is a generous weight of dark, berry-fruit on the nose and palate supported by twists of black pepper, a fresh acidity, attractive licks of liquorice and some cooling granitic notes. It is a wine that will drink well for 12-18 months on its youthful fruit from release next Spring but will mature gracefully over 10-15 years. Bien Classique.' 18/20

£258.00 / case (of 12 bottles) In Bond at Octavian

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CORNAS

Domaine Auguste Clape

This estate requires little introduction being widely regarded as setting the Gold Standard of the appellation. Auguste Clape's son Pierre and grandson Olivier are on terrific form producing wines for which there is growing international demand but a lamentably finite supply. These strapping, traditionally-vinified, age-worthy wines show Northern Rhône Syrah in a very pure light. The Clapes are understandably upbeat about the terrific 2012 vintage and with volumes severely depleted in 2013 there has never been a better time to buy.

Vin de Table 'Vin des Amis' rouge

£156.00 / Case In Bond at Octavian

The Clape's unofficial 'house' wine, from half a hectare of vines just below Cornas, rapidly sells out once released and is seldom traded on secondary markets as it is nearly all consumed by appreciative aficionados. *'The elegant 2012 vintage has a wealth of bright berry and cherry fruit and a lovely, fresh acidity. Already approachable it will yield a further 5-10 years of rewarding drinking.'* **16/20**

Côtes du Rhône rouge

£216.00 / Case In Bond at Octavian

This 'junior Cornas' in all but name is a tad fuller and firmer than the Clape family's Vin de Table and merits cellaring for 3-5 years before being broached. It too represents terrific value for money and an accessible entry point to this world renowned estate.

'The 2012 Côtes du Rhône from Clape has a fine concentration of complex, black fruit flavours with undertones of pitch and pepper and lovely, ripe, fine-grained tannins. One could easily drink it off-the-bat but it will improve with bottle-age.' **16.5/20**

Cornas 'Renaissance'

£294.00 / Case In Bond at Octavian

This wine, which was first released in 1997, hails from the Clape's younger vine holdings from between 12 and 30 years of age. Whilst it is indubitably more forward-drinking than the senior bottling it is still a complex and powerful Cornas that benefits from 5-10+ years cellaring.

'The Renaissance 2012 barrel samples revealed a profound purple hue, bags of dark, Autumnal fruit on the nose and palate, subtle, black pepper and spice notes, a fine acidity and an impressive tannic infrastructure which will sweeten and soften with bottle age. In a succession of superior vintages this is hot on the heels of the audacious 2010 and 2009.' **18/20**

Cornas

£444.00 / Case In Bond at Octavian

Blended from grapes grown in 6 different parcels that are vinified in vat and raised in 10-12 hectolitre tonneaux for up to 2 years prior to assemblage, bottling and release. It is a wine that is always carefully-crafted within the context of its vintage and is noted for its sense of terroir, depth, complexity and remarkable longevity.

'An impressive concentration of rich, blackberry and black cherry fruit masks rugged tannins and a fresh acidity that should give this wine a 25 year drinking window. It is not a tub-thumping blockbuster but a dense, dark, complex Cornas that should reveal its full potential after 5-7 years of cellaring. Top-notch Syrah from a gifted wine-making dynasty.' **19/20**



Max, Alain and Antoine Grailot

(ROZES)-HERMITAGE

Domaine Alain Grailot

£162.00 / Case In Bond

Alain Grailot's currency has risen dramatically from his debut vintage on Les Chassis plateau 28 years ago. His wine making philosophy is simple – 'to produce wines that people can afford and want to drink'. With Alain now ably assisted by his sons Antoine and Maxime this consistently-reliable and competitively-priced estate is enjoying a Golden Age.

'With appealing raspberry and redcurrant aromas an impressive purple robe and plump palate of dark fruits, black olives, and youthful tannins offset by a fine acidity this is a beautifully rounded, classic Grailot Crozes' of which the team are justifiably proud. It was a very tough year in the vineyard but a fine late Summer ripening period imbued the wines with ripe tannins and warm fruit. Delicious.' 17/20

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HERMITAGE

Domaine Jean-Louis Chave

Jean-Louis Chave is widely regarded as the standard bearer for the appellation of Hermitage and runs one of the most celebrated estates in the Northern Rhône. His wines' long *élevage* means that they are released later than the majority of their peers. We will offer the 2011 Hermitage from Domaine Jean-Louis Chave in March 2014 on a strict allocation basis, with the 2012 vintage following in 2015. Both vintages were tasted in October 2013.

To register your interest in an allocation of 2011 Hermitage from Domaine Jean-Louis Chave (if you have not done so already), please contact bianca@yapp.co.uk

Hermitage blanc 2011

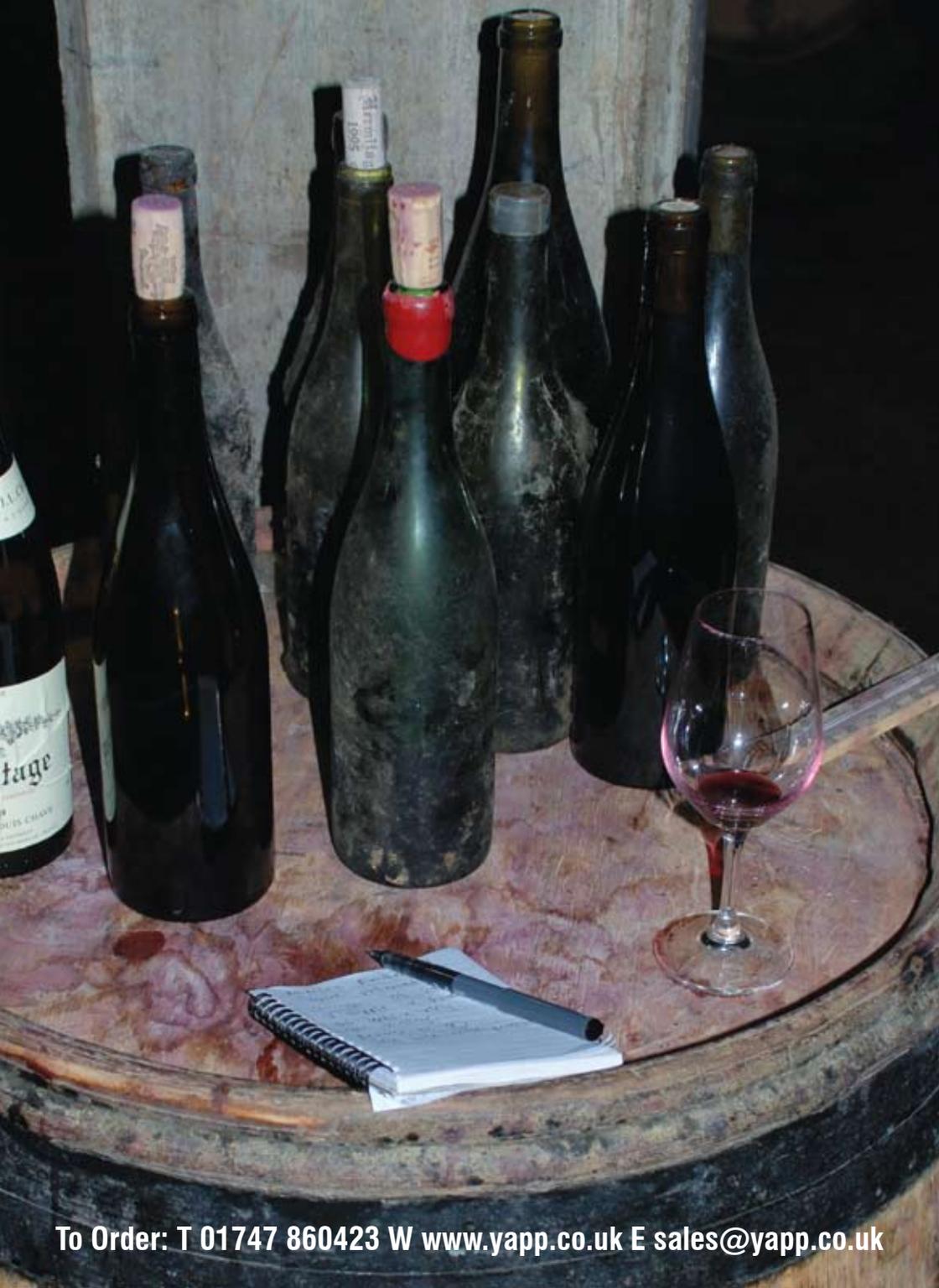
'The different parcels of l'Ermite, Les Rocoules, Maison Blanche and Peleat have produced a blend of approximately 80% Marsanne and 20% Roussanne. Chave is pleased with the 2011 Hermitage Blanc, and I was able to taste through all the component parts, which ranged in score from a low of 92-93 to a high in the mid to upper-90s. It exhibits beautiful notes of honeysuckle, citrus oil, licorice and white peach marmalade along with penetrating acidity, a liquid minerality and a full-bodied, substantial style. Slightly more precocious than the awesome 2010 Hermitage Blanc, the 2011 should drink well for 20-25 years or more.' **RP 93-95** **Robert Parker** *The Wine Advocate*

Hermitage rouge 2011

'The 2011 Hermitage stood out as one of the most brilliant, singular wines of the vintage. Every cuvée was special, going from the elegance, delicacy and finesse of Peleat and Les Beaumes to the extraordinary minerality, graphite, iodine and power of l'Ermite, to the blockbuster fruit and intensity of Le Meal and Les Bessards. Les Bessards provides the tremendous substance, backbone and intensity to this extraordinary wine, which looks to be another impressive wine from a vintage that rarely achieved this level of quality. Resembling the 1991 Hermitage, only better, it should evolve for 20-25 years.'

RP 95-98 **Drink 2012-2037** **Robert Parker** *The Wine Advocate*





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Everyone was smiling
when tasting the
2012 Le Vieux Donjon.



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SOUTHERN RHÔNE AND BEYOND

(HÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

Le Vieux Donjon Châteauneuf-du-Pape rouge

Le Vieux Donjon is a 15 hectare family-run estate which came into being in 1979 when Lucien Michel married Marie-José. They commendably make only one cuvée, from a traditional blend of 75% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre and 5% Cinsault that are fermented in vat and raised in large oak foudres for 18 months before bottling. It is consistently rated among the finest sources of Châteauneuf-du-Pape.

'The 2012 Châteauneuf du Pape is a classic effort from this estate that could come from nowhere else than the south of France. Garrigue, lavender, pepper, sweet kirsch and blackberry-styled fruits are just some of the notions here and this medium to full-bodied, supple and nicely concentrated 2012 will benefit from short-term cellaring once released. It should have 12-15 years or ultimate longevity.' **Drink 2016-2027**

'One of my favorite estates, these classic, textbook wines are made by talented Claire Michel, who has recently taken over the running of the estate from her parents'

91-94 Jeb Dunnuck Wine Advocate # 209 October 2013

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£276.00 / case (of 6 magnums) In Bond at Octavian

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IGP LES ALPILLES

Domaine de Trévallon

IGP Les Alpilles: Domaine de Trévallon rouge

Bottled as a simple 'Indication Géographique Protégée' Eloi Dürrbach's maverick Syrah/Cabernet Sauvignon blend technically lies in Provence, but has strong ties to the Rhône in terms of geography, wine-making and esprit. Low yields (25-30 hl/ha) and no chemicals give thick-skinned grapes that need 2-3 weeks cuvaison. The parcels of grapes are allowed a warm fermentation, using only indigenous yeasts, in small oak foudres where they rest for 18 months before an unfiltered, unfinned assemblage and eventual bottling 25 months after the harvest.

With construction of a spankingly modern new winery finally completed the Dürrbach family appear to be ratcheting up the gears at their celebrated estate on the edge of Les Alpilles. The vintage run has been outstanding and our recent barrel tasting of the 2012 vintage revealed a wine of more power and concentration and ageing potential than the forward and fruity 2011 vintage.

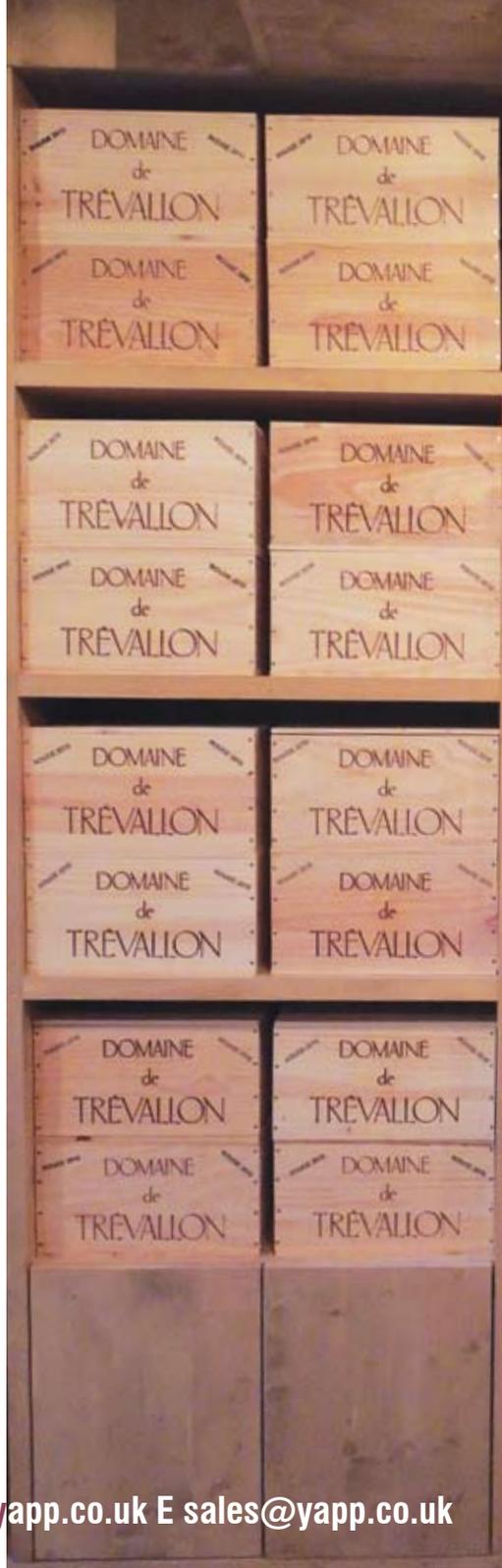
'The 2012 Trévallon is clearly going to be a structured and age-worthy wine that should come into its own with 5-10+ years bottle age. The Cabernet Sauvignon has a lovely core of cassis fruit, spicy undertones and good tannic raw material. The Syrah has an elegant acidity lots of dark, plum and damson fruit and a clean, fresh finish. The 'approximate' assemblage from a barrel blend was impressive – it's going to be a keeper.' 18/20

£288.00 / case (of 12 bottles)

In bond at Octavian

£294.00 / case (of 6 magnums)

In Bond at Octavian



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR IN BOND PURCHASES

The In Bond prices quoted are per case delivered to Octavian Corsham and exclude duty, VAT, onward delivery and storage.

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It would be helpful if, at the time of purchase, you can advise where you will want the wines eventually delivered or stored.

When the physical wine arrives at Octavian Cellars we will contact you to advise you of any additional payments that are due in respect of duty and VAT (if you are withdrawing the wine from bond), storage or delivery charges, including In Bond transfer charges.

Your options are as follows:

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- If you have your own bonded arrangements at Octavian Ltd you can advise us of the account details for a Transfer Under Bond. No further charge.
- You can store your wine Under Bond with Yapp Brothers. It will be held in the Yapp Brothers' Client Account at Octavian Ltd. No further charge. You will, however, be charged storage, currently £12.50 per case, per annum, inc VAT.
- We can arrange for Octavian to deliver your wine Under Bond to another bonded warehouse. Such In Bond transfers outside of Octavian are charged at £15 per case up to 2 cases, £5 per case thereafter and must be paid before the transfer request is actioned. You will also need to advise us of account / warehouse details for the transfer.

Delivering & Storing Wine Duty Paid

- If you would like us to organise delivery of your wine Duty Paid, we will do so under our normal delivery terms.
- You can store your wine at Yapp Brothers' premises Duty Paid, currently £12.50 per case per annum, inc VAT.

Duty and VAT

When wine that has been held in bond is withdrawn from a bonded warehouse, you will be charged duty and VAT at the prevailing rates on the original cost of the wine.

The current duty rate is £24.00 per case and the VAT rate is 20%. Therefore, the duty and VAT on a £200 case of wine withdrawn from bond in December 2013 would be £68.80 (NB. you pay VAT on the cost of the wine including duty)



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