

Rhône 2015 En Primeur Offer

"This is a truly sensational vintage that should not be missed by any Rhône lover out there. Let me say that one more time: 2015 is a truly sensational vintage."

Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com

"I have by no means finished my tastings yet but I can tell you that the northern Rhône reds are really exceptional. And you don't have to pay a fortune to enjoy what they have to offer. Crozes-Hermitage and St-Joseph 2015 are better than I have ever tasted."

Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com

"This year however, despite being an extraordinary vintage, a trim and well-groomed Michel had less to say than normal – and was even prone to the occasional understatement. In difficult vintages, there is a story to tell – challenges, battles, disasters averted. But 2015 wasn't difficult: quite the contrary. It is, he said, "probably the best vintage since 1990." He went on to mention a recent conversation he had with renowned Côte-Rôtie winemaker Marcel Guigal, who suggested it could be the equal of legendary vintages such as 1961 or even 1947. As the 2015 Bordeaux en primeur carousel creaks into action, you might want to save some of your wine budget for the Rhône this year."

Matt Walls, TimAtkin.com

"It does look as though 2015 will be a great vintage in the Rhône Valley. All the conditions required for excellence appear to have been met."

Yohan Castaing, JancisRobinson.com

"Early reports from winemakers throughout the Northern Rhône Valley indicate a potentially classic vintage. The growing season went without a hitch, late-seasons rains were well-timed and yields were in the normal range. Even producers not known for hyperbole wore cat-ate-the-canary grins as they finished picking grapes."

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator

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Rhône 2015 Report

Clearly, the 2015 growing season treated the Rhône valley's vigneronns very kindly. The North fared particularly well, as evidenced by Marcel Guigal, veteran of over 50 vintages, calling it the best he has ever seen. I suppose this means that the South was overshadowed, but with Marc Perrin of Château de Beaucastel calling it "a textbook vintage... the best since '78", we're not exactly looking at a poor performance here either!

Hot summer days came with cooler nights, this diurnal temperature variation helping to retain freshness and vitality in the grapes. Then the rains came just in time to avoid a drought and finally a long, warm autumn allowed growers to pick when they liked, without disease pressures. Phenological ripeness was achieved easily and many smart estates took advantage of this in order to pick early and retain plenty of freshness in the wines, without the danger that the harvested fruit would not yet be fully mature.

The Rhône remains an absolute treasure trove of bargains and one that continues to produce wines that are aimed squarely at the drinker, rather than the investor. In a vintage as strong as 2015, the quality, variety and affordability of these wines, combined with the extra financial incentive for buying en primeur, plus the fact you don't have to wait long to receive them, makes stocking up at this juncture to form the backbone of your cellar a very smart move indeed, and one I fully intend to make.

Needless to say we have been hunting for new producers over in the Rhône itself, as well as putting the wines through their paces in the rather more mundane environment of our UK tasting room and the result of our selection process is a line up of wines that ranges from the very cheap to some of France's finest and one which we are very proud to offer, full of wines we would heartily recommend. In particular I would like to draw your attention to these producers, who are either new to our range and/or who performed exceptionally well in 2015:

Domaine Quart du Roi – a very, very good value red and white duo that will become my new house wines.

Red – Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan £35 per 6 IB

White – Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan £40 per 6 IB

Domaine Montirius – beautifully expressive deep reds that eschew the use of new oak, instead allowing the quality of the fruit to speak for itself.

Red – Vacqueyras 'Le Village' £120 per 12 IB

Red – Gigondas 'La Terre des Aînés' £150 per 12 IB

Château de Beaucastel/ Domaine Perrin – the best vintage since 1978 according to Marc Perrin and that quality extends to the likes of the Coudoulet wines as well as Château de Beaucastel itself.

Red – Gigondas 'La Gille' £130 per 12 IB

Red – Côtes-du-Rhône 'Coudoulet' £140 per 12 IB

Red – Châteauneuf-du-Pape £225 per 6 IB

White – Châteauneuf-du-Pape £225 per 6 IB

White – Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Roussanne Vieilles Vignes' £200 per 3 IB

Domaine de Fontbonau – the personal side project of the director of Château Latour, Château Grillet and Domaine d'Eugénie – Frédéric Engerer. It's fair to say he knows a thing or two about making good wines.

Red – Côtes-du-Rhône 'Les Chaux' £70 per 6 IB

White – Côtes-du-Rhône 'La Lence' £80 per 6 IB

Domaine Roger Sabon – a brilliant Châteauneuf estate that is new to our range. Highly rated both by Parker; “This has long been one of my favorite estates in the southern Rhone” and his successor Jeb Dunnuck; “Domaine Roger Sabon, led by Didier Negrón, can seemingly do no wrong and continues to release some of the top wines in just about every vintage.”

Red – Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Les Olivets' £90 per 6 IB

White – Châteauneuf-du-Pape £110 per 6 IB

Domaine Saint-Préfert – another outstanding Châteauneuf property brought into our range for the first time. Jeb Dunnuck warns: “Hold onto your hats with these latest releases from proprietress Isabel Ferrando, as they're easily some of the most badass 2015s I was able to taste. In fact, they resemble a hypothetical mix of the 2007 and 2010.”

Red – Châteauneuf-du-Pape 'Classique' £240 per 12 IB

Ferraton Père et Fils – very much under Michel Chapoutier's wing and it shows in the sheer quality of the wines. All six wines are seriously good quality for the money, something which is backed up by some hefty scores from The Wine Advocate's Jeb Dunnuck.

Red – Crozes-Hermitage 'Pichères' £65 per 6 IB

Red – Hermitage 'Les Miaux' £130 per 6 IB

Red – Côte-Rôtie 'Lieu-Dit Montmain' £195 per 6 IB

Red – Hermitage 'Les Dionnières' £225 per 6 IB

White – Saint-Joseph 'Les Oliviers' £250 per 12 IB

Domaine Vincent Paris – a very welcome return to our range for one of our favourite Northern red producers... and this time we also have a white wine of his from Cornas that can't legally be called a Cornas. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it: “The young Vincent Paris has turned out brilliant wines in 2015 that readers to need to snatch up.”

Red – Cornas 'Granit 30' £100 per 6 IB

White – Ardèche IGP 'Granit Blanc' £60 per 6 IB

Stewart Pryce, Laithwaite's Fine Wine
9th November 2016

Rhône 2015 Availability

Southern Rhône Reds

<u>Code</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Appellation</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
P6827201	Domaine Quart du Roi	Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan		£35 per 6 IB
P6827301	Domaine Rose Dieu	Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu		£40 per 6 IB
P6827401	Domaine Martin 'Vieilles Vignes'	Rasteau	88	£95 per 12 IB
P6828901	Domaine Montirius 'Le Village'	Vacqueyras		£120 per 12 IB
P6827701	Cuvée du Vatican	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	90-92	£125 per 12 IB
P6828601	Domaine Perrin 'La Gille'	Gigondas	90-92	£130 per 12 IB
P6828401	Coudoulet de Beaucastel	Côtes-du-Rhône		£140 per 12 IB
P6829201	Domaine de Fontbonau 'Les Chaux'	Côtes-du-Rhône		£70 per 6 IB
P6829001	Domaine Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés'	Gigondas	86-88	£150 per 12 IB
P6828801	Domaine de Nalys 'Cuvée Classique'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	87-89	£165 per 12 IB
P6828201	Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	90-92	£90 per 6 IB
P6827602	Château Sixtine	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94	£195 per 12 IB
P6831701	Domaine Saint Préfert 'Classique'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	91-93+	£240 per 12 IB
P6828501	Château de Beaucastel	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93-95	£225 per 6 IB
P6824501	Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94-96	£275 per 6 IB

Northern Rhône Reds

<u>Code</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Appellation</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
P6802502	Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères'	Crozes-Hermitage	92-94	£65 per 6 IB
P6827901	Chapoutier 'Meysonniers'	Crozes-Hermitage	89-91	£65 per 6 IB
P6823701	Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre'	Crozes-Hermitage		£175 per 12 IB
P6826501	Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit 30'	Cornas	91-94	£100 per 6 IB
P6823901	Domaine du Tunnel	Saint-Joseph	91-94	£115 per 6 IB
P6829401	Domaine du Monteillet 'Cuvée du Papy'	Saint-Joseph		£125 per 6 IB
P6828301	Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux'	Hermitage	93-95	£130 per 6 IB
P6824001	Domaine du Tunnel	Cornas	91-93	£150 per 6 IB
P6855901	Ferraton Père et Fils 'Montmain'	Côte-Rôtie	94-96	£195 per 6 IB
P6856101	Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Dionnières'	Hermitage	94-96	£225 per 6 IB
P6829501	Domaine du Monteillet 'Fortis'	Côte-Rôtie		£230 per 6 IB
P6839001	Domaine Rostaing 'Ampodium'	Côte-Rôtie		£245 per 6 IB
P6824101	Domaine Yann Chave	Hermitage		£250 per 6 IB

Southern Rhône Whites

<u>Code</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Appellation</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
P1415003	Domaine Quart du Roi	Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan		£40 per 6 IB
P1417103	Domaine de Fontbonau 'La Lence'	Côtes-du-Rhône		£80 per 6 IB
P1415703	Domaine de la Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	90	£95 per 6 IB
P1398401	Château Sixtine	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94	£200 per 12 IB
P1415603	Domaine Roger Sabon	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92	£110 per 6 IB
P1414303	Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93	£200 per 6 IB
P1416803	Château de Beaucastel 'Roussanne VV'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94-97	£200 per 3 IB

Northern Rhône Whites

<u>Code</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Appellation</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
P1414703	Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit Blanc'	Ardèche IGP		£60 per 6 IB
P1413903	M&S Ogier d'Ampuis 'Viognier de Rosine'	Collines Rhodaniennes IGP	90	£130 per 12 IB
P1415803	Domaine Philippe Fauray	Saint-Joseph		£70 per 6 IB
P1419104	Guigal	Crozes-Hermitage	90	£80 per 6 IB
P1418804	Guigal	Saint-Joseph	92	£85 per 6 IB
P1415205	Chapoutier 'Deschants'	Saint-Joseph	91	£90 per 6 IB
P1414003	Domaine du Tunnel 'Roussanne'	Saint-Péray		£95 per 6 IB
P1416003	Domaine Philippe Fauray 'Tradition'	Condrieu		£120 per 6 IB
P1418303	Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Oliviers'	Saint-Joseph	95	£250 per 12 IB
P1414103	M&S Ogier d'Ampuis 'La Combe de Mallevall'	Condrieu	94	£150 per 6 IB
P1409303	Domaine du Tunnel 'Chanson'	Condrieu		£160 per 6 IB
P1415302	Chapoutier 'Chante-Alouette'	Hermitage	95	£195 per 6 IB
P1389801	Chapoutier 'De L'Orée'	Hermitage	98	£600 per 6 IB

Mixed Cases

<u>Code</u>	<u>Wine</u>	<u>Appellation</u>	<u>WA</u>	<u>Case Price</u>
P1800001	Southern Rhône Reds Mix	Various		£100 per 12 IB
P1800301	Rhône Whites Mix	Various		£130 per 12 IB
P1800201	CNDP Mix	Châteauneuf-du-Pape		£170 per 12 IB
P1800101	Northern Rhône Reds Mix	Various		£190 per 12 IB

WA – Wine Advocate score by Jeb Dunnuck.

Southern Rhône Reds

Domaine Quart du Roi 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan

£35 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK

You know you have a stellar vintage on your hands when the cheapest wine is this delicious. The fruit is plush and the tannins give just the right amount of grip to take on meaty dishes.

Drink to 2019



Domaine Rose Dieu 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu

£40 per 6 IB

Rich, ripe and friendly. Plan de Dieu is becoming an excellent source of great value reds, especially in a vintage like 2015. Domaine Rose Dieu is a new discovery for us and this is an excellent debut.

Drink to 2019



Domaine Martin 'Vieilles Vignes' 2015
Rasteau

£95 per 12 IB

88 Points Wine Advocate

'The standout in the lineup is the 2015 Rasteau, which is made from 55% Grenache and 45% Syrah that was brought up all in foudre. It's a ripe, even sexy beauty that has terrific purity in its kirsch, currants, garrigue and dried earth aromas and flavors. It has sweet tannin and should drink nicely for 4-6 years.'

88 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2021



Domaine Montirius 'Le Village' 2015
Vacqueyras

£120 per 12 IB

STEWART'S PICK

Pure, dense fruit, unadulterated by new oak, Domaine Montirius make wines that are both age worthy and yet deliciously drinkable in their youth. Vacqueyras is now fully established as a real rival to Gigondas and Châteauneuf-du-Pape and wines as well made as this fully deserve a spot in the cellar alongside them.

Drink to 2023



Cuvée du Vatican 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£125 per 12 IB

90-92 Points Wine Advocate
16.5 Points Jancis Robinson

'The finest vintage I've tasted of the entry level wine, the 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Cuvée Du Vatican (65% Grenache, 25% Syrah and 10% Mourvèdre) is loaded with notions of blackberry jam, toasted spices, licorice and roasted herbs. Medium to full-bodied, upfront and with terrific density, it's an impressive barrel sample and this should end up being a great value.'

90-92 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2024



**Domaine Perrin 'La Grille' 2015
Gigondas**

£130 per 12 IB

90-92 Points Wine Advocate
16+ Points Jancis Robinson

'What should be an outstanding wine, the 2015 Gigondas La Grille is a ripe, s*xy 2015 that has ample blackberry, earth, pepper and hints of herbs in a full-bodied, seamless and elegant package. The estate has twenty hectares in Gigondas, mostly planted on sandy soils, and you can see the finesse and elegance in this Gigondas cuvée.'

90-92 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2025



**Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône**

£140 per 12 IB

17+ Points Jancis Robinson

Head man Marc Perrin calls 2015 Beaucastel's best vintage since 1978 and so it's not too surprising to find the ever-dependable Coudoulet on top form. Made by Château de Beaucastel's winemaking team, at the property, from a plot of land that sits just outside the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation boundary.

Drink to 2023



**Domaine de Fontbonau 'Les Chaux' 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône**

£70 per 6 IB

The personal side project of the director of Château Latour, Château Grillet and Domaine d'Eugénie – Frédéric Engerer. This is no ordinary Côtes-du-Rhône. A dense wine with pure sweet fruit and muscular tannins, this will be at its best after a couple of years in the cellar.

Drink to 2023



**Domaine Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés' 2015
Gigondas**

£150 per 12 IB

STEWART'S PICK
86-88 Points Wine Advocate

More than the equal to a good Châteauneuf, Montirius's Gigondas is true to the house style, with no new oak the fruit is free to express itself fully and boy, does it! The texture here is just superb, the tannins coating the tongue and simply demanding a hearty dish to accompany it. Delicious.

Drink to 2025



**Domaine de Nalys 'Cuvée Classique' 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**

£165 per 12 IB

87-89 Points Wine Advocate

'A fruit-forward, charming effort, the 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape offers lots of cherry jam, black raspberries and licorice in a ripe, rounded style that will impress right out of the gate.'

87-89 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2021+



Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets' 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£90 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
90-92 Points Wine Advocate

'The entry level 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Les Olivets comes from the young vines of the estate. Made from 80% Grenache and 10% each of Syrah and Cinsault, aged in foudre, concrete tanks and tronconique tanks, its deep ruby/purple color is followed by a medium to full-bodied, textured red that has lots of red black fruits, roasted garrigue and hints of meatiness, sweet tannin and outstanding length. This is a great vintage for this cuvée that should drink well through 2025.'

90-92 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2025

Château Sixtine 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£195 per 12 IB

92-94 Points Wine Advocate
15.5 Points Jancis Robinson

'The 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Château Sixtine is another modern styled effort that shows a touch of oak as well as lots of blackberry, black raspberries, licorice and crushed herbs. Unevolved and backwards, with beautiful concentration and sweet tannin, it will need a few years of cellaring to come together and drink well over the following 15 years or more. The blend is 45% Grenache, 30% Mourvèdre and 25% Syrah, aged in a mix of barrels (7% new), demi-muids and concrete tanks.'

92-94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2028

Domaine Saint Préfert 'Classique' 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£240 per 12 IB

STEWART'S PICK
91-93+ Points Wine Advocate

'The stunning 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape is a wine to buy a case of as it has beautiful concentration and depth, as well as the elegance, purity and finesse that's the hallmark of the estate.'

91-93+ points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2024

Château de Beaucastel 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£225 per 6 IB

93-95 Points Wine Advocate
17.5 Points Jancis Robinson

'I was able to taste all of the components of the 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape and this is a vintage described by Marc Perrin where every variety excelled. The Grenache and Mourvèdre were the clear standouts, both possessing terrific concentration, purity of fruit and ripe tannic structure. This will certainly be an outstanding wine, and it has a touch more concentration than the 2012.'

93-95 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2030+

Clos des Papes 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£275 per 6 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
94-96 Points Wine Advocate

'The 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape is reminiscent of a slightly improved 2005 and has a fresh, classic style with beautiful concentration, notable freshness, first-rate tannin quality, and the classic spice and sweet red and black fruits this cuvee is known for. I suspect this beauty will close down relatively quickly after bottling and take 5-6 years to show at its best, but it will drink well for 15+ years.'

94-96 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2030

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Northern Rhône Reds

Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères' 2015
Crozes-Hermitage

£65 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
92-94 Points Wine Advocate

'Another head turner is the 2015 Crozes Hermitage Lieu Dit Les Pichères, which is from sedimentary soils, was completely destemmed, and aged in a mix of barrels and concrete. It's a huge, full-bodied, rich, unctuous beauty that sports a saturated purple color, tons of plum and blackberry fruit, sweet tannin and a stacked mid-palate. It will keep for a decade. At the moment, all of the Crozes Hermitage releases share a lot of similarities, but I'm sure they'll show more singular characters with additional time in barrel.'

92-94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2022



Chapoutier 'Meysonniers' 2015
Crozes-Hermitage

£65 per 6 IB

89-91 Points Wine Advocate
90 Points James Suckling

'Made from syrah with a small component vinified in oak (only 15%), this has plenty of bright, pure red fruits on the nose with a handy twist of spices. The palate's slick, really smooth and elegant, the tannins have a gently powdery texture, the flavors are in the red-plum and darker-cherry spectrum, and there's a twist of licorice to close. Drink now to 2025.'

90 points – James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, October 2016

Drink to 2022+



Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre' 2015
Crozes-Hermitage

£175 per 12 IB

In contrast to Ferraton's 'Pichères' this has that typical Crozes peppery character, as well as being lighter in weight than many of the reds in this offer. Once again, this is absolutely textbook stuff.

Drink to 2021



Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit 30' 2015
Cornas

£100 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
91-94 Points Wine Advocate

'Starting with his younger vine cuvée, the 2015 Cornas Granit 30 (1,500 cases) comes from the Patou and Saint Pierre lieux-dits and will see roughly 15 months in barrel. It's a deep, se*y, fruit-loaded beauty that has a saturated purple color, awesome notes of blackberries, blueberries, violets, spring flowers and licorice, as well as full-bodied richness and sweet, yet present tannin. This puppy has tons of fruit and is relatively upfront and textured, but it has enough tannin to benefit from 2-4 years of bottle age.'

91-94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2021 (but don't hesitate to tuck in on delivery)



**Domaine du Tunnel 2015
Saint-Joseph**

£115 per 6 IB

91-94 Points Wine Advocate

'I loved the 2015 Saint Joseph and while this region can be slightly erratic, that's certainly not the case with this producer. Blackberries, blackcurrants, crushed rocks and a hint of burning embers all emerge from this full-bodied, concentrated St Joseph that has top-notch richness and flavor intensity. It needs short-term cellaring and will drink nicely for over a decade.'

91-94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2025



**Domaine du Montellet 'Cuvée du Papy' 2015
Saint-Joseph**

£125 per 6 IB

Long standing Rhône buyers of ours will be as delighted as I am to see Domaine du Montellet return to our list. Cuvée du Papy is a selection of Stéphane Montez's best Saint-Joseph parcels, first created in 1989 to celebrate his father Antoine becoming a Grandad ("Papy") for the first time.

Drink to 2025



**Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux' 2015
Hermitage**

£130 per 6 IB

93-95 Points Wine Advocate

'Notes of powdered rocks, graphite, caramelized meats and both cassia and black raspberry emerge from the 2015 Hermitage Les Miaux. This rich, low-acid, chewy, downright decadent Hermitage is another huge success from this estate. It's going to need a few years of bottle age, yet I suspect the sweetness of fruit will allow it to drink nicely relatively early in its life.'

93-95 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2030+



**Domaine du Tunnel 2015
Cornas**

£150 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
91-93 Points Wine Advocate

'Deep, rich and concentrated, with lots of black fruits, smoked herbs, chocolate and minerality, the 2015 Cornas is medium to full-bodied, structured and tannic, yet also packed with fruit. It will need cellaring.'

91-93 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2025



**Ferraton Père et Fils 'Lieu-Dit Montmain' 2015
Côte-Rôtie**

£195 per 6 IB

94-96 Points Wine Advocate

'The team at Ferraton makes two Côte Rôties, both of which are brilliant examples of the quality now coming from this estate. Slightly more expensive than the l'Eglantine, the 2015 Côte Rôtie Lieu Dit Montmain (100% Syrah aged in 15% new French oak) is also full-bodied and impressively concentrated, with notes of acacia flowers, toasted spices, black raspberries and brioche. It has fabulous tannin quality, no hard edges and a big finish, all suggesting it will have a long life.'

94-96 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2030



**Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Dionnières' 2015
Hermitage**

£225 per 6 IB

94-96 Points Wine Advocate

'The 2015 Ermitage Les Dionnieres saw the same élevage as the Le Méal and has huge, unctuous aromas and flavors of ripe black cherries, black currants, framboise, crushed rocks and graphite. Coming from a site located on the eastern edge of the appellation, it has a huge mid-palate, integrated acidity and the sweet, sweet tannin that's common in the vintage.'

94-96 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016

Drink to 2030



**Domaine du Monteillet 'Fortis' 2015
Côte-Rôtie**

£230 per 6 IB

This wine contains close to 10% Viognier, rather than the more typical 1-5% and this makes itself evident in its expressive, floral notes on both the nose and the palate. A real hedonistic, luscious Côte-Rôtie that will age well, but which will also reveal its charms at a young age.

Drink to 2028



**Domaine Rostaing 'Ampodium' 2015
Côte-Rôtie**

£245 per 6 IB

16.5 Points Jancis Robinson

'Dark purple. Nery and savoury with lots of high-toned tension. Lovely round, relaxed palate. Great balance and almost approachable. Bone-dry, fermented treacle toffee. Drink 2021-2030.'

16.5 points – Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com, November 2016

Drink to 2025



**Domaine Yann Chave 2015
Hermitage**

£250 per 6 IB

A serious wine, this has plenty of new oak on the nose and on the attack, along with sweet, ripe fruit. The purity is impressive too. It will need time for these components to integrate, but they will, and when they do this will be a brilliant, brilliant Hermitage that will give great pleasure for decades to come.

Drink to 2038+



Southern Rhône Whites

**Domaine Quart du Roi 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan**

£40 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK

Stunningly good for the money, just like its red counterpart. This is made predominantly from 100 year old Clairette vines. Peachy, fresh and pure.

Drink to 2018



Domaine de Fontbonau 'La Lence' 2015
Côtes-du-Rhône

£80 per 6 IB

Flavourful, but not at all cloying, the fruit here is just beautiful and it interplays with a minerality that lends the wine freshness. A beautifully made wine from the director of Château Latour, Château Grillet and Domaine d'Eugénie – Frédéric Engerer.



Drink to 2020

Domaine de la Charbonnière 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£95 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
90 Points Wine Advocate

'The 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc is a medium-bodied, nicely textured, elegant and fruit-forward beauty that shows the richness and depth of the vintage. It offers classy notes of spiced apples, buttered pineapple and hints of flowers in a pure, clean, balanced package, and will shine for 3-4 years, if not longer. The blend is 40% Roussanne, 40% Grenache Blanc and 20% Clairette, and it was aged in a combination of new barrels and stainless steel tanks. Drink 2016-2020.'



90 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2020

Château Sixtine 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£200 per 12 IB

94 Points Wine Advocate

'Made from 100% Roussanne, and possibly the greatest white from this estate to date, the 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc comes all from the Rayas and Les Blaquieres lieux-dits, and was raised all in barrels, 20% being new. This medium to full-bodied, beautifully pure white has serious amounts of stone fruits, citrus blossom and toasted bread, perfectly integrated acidity and a killer finish. It still has a touch of oak to integrate, but it should keep for over a decade. Drink 2016-2026.'



94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2022

Domaine Roger Sabon 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£110 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
92 Points Wine Advocate

'The 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Renaissance Blanc (30% each of Roussanne and Grenache Blanc, with 20% each of Clairette and Bourboulenc) offers terrific purity and a fresh, lively, medium-bodied style that's hard to resist. It has impressive complexity as well, with lots of citrus blossom, thyme and floral aromas and flavors. This is terrific white that should drink nicely for 2-4 years, with the caveat that these can be aged longer. as well. Drink 2016-2020.'



92 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2022

Clos des Papes 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£200 per 6 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
93 Points Wine Advocate

'A big, rich wine by Vincent's standards, the 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Blanc offers lots of salty minerality in its ripe citrus, spiced apples and honeycomb-laced aromas and flavors. It shows terrific purity and tension on the palate, yet also has plenty of heft and depth. Feel free to enjoy bottles over the coming couple of years, or after a decade or more.'



93 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016

Drink to 2025

Château de Beaucastel
'Roussanne Vieilles Vignes' 2015
Châteauneuf-du-Pape

£200 per 3 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
94-97 Points Wine Advocate
17.5 Points Jancis Robinson

'Even better than the Chateauneuf du Pape Blanc, the richer, more concentrated 2015 Châteauneuf du Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes comes from a single parcel of vines located beside the Chateau that were planted in 1909. Full-bodied, rich, gorgeously concentrated and textured, with fabulous notes of orange blossom, buttered citrus, marmalade and honey, it will be up with the crème de la crème of the vintage. It's worth noting that since 2009, the estate has changed the viticulture with regards to their whites, moving to slightly larger yields, with the goal of making a more elegant white that ages more predictably.'

94-97 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, October 2016



Drink to 2035+

Northern Rhône Whites

Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit Blanc' 2015
Ardèche IGP

£60 per 6 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Grown within the Cornas appellation, but Cornas is not allowed to be white! Grown on a north-facing vineyard that is much better suited to Viognier and Roussanne, Vincent Paris has planted just that, having stepped outside the appellation system, having to label the wine as a humble Ardèche IGP. To taste, this is no shrinking violet, the Viognier very much to the fore. A mini-Condrieu at a mini price.



Drink to 2020

M&S Ogier d'Ampuis
'Viognier de Rosine' 2015
Collines Rhodaniennes IGP

£130 per 12 IB

90 Points Wine Advocate

'Leading off the Viognier/Condrieu releases, the 2015 Viognier de Rosine comes from a higher elevation site in a cool terroir located just off the southern/western end of Côte Rôtie. Clean, fresh and elegant, with beautiful white peach, crisp tangerine and sappy flower characteristics, drink this medium-bodied, lively, impeccably made white over the coming couple of years.'

90 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2021

Domaine Philippe Faury 2015
Saint-Joseph

£70 per 6 IB

A small family Domaine that is new to our list in 2015, so taken were we with the Saint-Joseph and Condrieu in which they specialise. Broad on the palate, with a good weight too.



Drink to 2021

**Guigal 2015
Crozes-Hermitage**

£80 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
90 Points Wine Advocate

'The 2015 Crozes Hermitage Blanc is clean and classy, with lots of minerality, fresh, crisp notes of stone fruits and a pure, etched style on the palate. Made in a fresh, lively style, it's going to put on weight with 6-12 months of bottle age and drink well for 4-5 years.'
90 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2020

**Guigal 2015
Saint-Joseph**

£85 per 6 IB

92 Points Wine Advocate
92 Points James Suckling

'The 2015 St Joseph Blanc is certainly outstanding and shows the minerality that's always imparted by these steep, granite hillside soils. Liquid rock, ripe peach and a touch of barrique all flow to a medium to full-bodied, pure, elegant beauty that packs plenty of texture and flavor. Drink it over the coming 7-8 years.'
92 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2022

**Chapoutier 'Deschants' 2015
Saint-Joseph**

£90 per 6 IB

91 Points Wine Advocate

'There are three St Joseph Blanc releases, with the least expensive being the 2015 St Joseph Deschants. Notes of white flowers, white peach and citrus blossom all emerge from this medium-bodied, fresh, balanced white that shows how good this vintage is for the Northern Rhône. Made from 100% Marsanne aged in 25% demi-muids, it should be drunk over the coming 2-3 years.'
91 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2024

**Domaine du Tunnel 'Roussanne' 2015
Saint-Péray**

£95 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
16.5 Points Jancis Robinson

Domaine du Tunnel are one of the modern pioneers bring Saint-Péray back from the edge of extinction. There is a beautiful mineral edge to this wine, which combines with Tunnel's trademark upfront fruit to make it a fascinating and delicious example of a 100% Roussanne wine.



Drink to 2025

**Domaine Philippe Faury 'Tradition' 2015
Condrieu**

£120 per 6 IB

A more restrained, less overtly floral style of Condrieu here, which when combined with its broad palate should prove versatile when matching with Asian dishes in particular.



Drink to 2021

**Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Oliviers' 2015
Saint-Joseph**

£250 per 12 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
95 Points Wine Advocate

'The St Joseph releases are also brilliant. The single vineyard 2015 St Joseph Les Oliviers Blanc is even better, with a killer bouquet of buttered citrus, spiced apples, toasted bread and salty minerality. Made from 100% Marsanne from a site just beside the village of Mauves, it shows the concentration and richness of the vintage, yet is fresh, pure and focused. I'd drink bottles over the coming decade or so, but it will keep longer.'
95 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2025.

**M&S Ogier d'Ampuis
'La Combe de Malleval' 2015
Condrieu**

£150 per 6 IB

STEWART'S PICK
94 Points Wine Advocate

'Stephan commented that he did everything he could to maintain freshness in his 2015 whites, and he's done a fabulous job with both Condrieu releases. The 2015 Condrieu La Combe de Malleval comes from two separate parcels and offers a textbook array of apricot, flower oil, crushed rocks and sappy flowers, with building depth and richness on the palate. It's a gorgeous Condrieu that will be even better this time next year and drink well for 4-5 years at a minimum.'
94 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2022

**Domaine du Tunnel 'Chanson' 2015
Condrieu**

£160 per 6 IB

Peach, apricot and citrus notes dominate the palate of this excellent Condrieu. Tunnel's reds are fantastic, but the Condrieu is every bit as impressive. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it, "you can't go wrong with this estate".



Drink to 2022

**Chapoutier 'Chante-Alouette' 2015
Hermitage**

£195 per 6 IB

95 Points Wine Advocate
92 Points James Suckling

'The finest vintage for this cuvée I've ever tasted, the sensational 2015 Hermitage Chante Alouette boasts awesome notes of white peach, orange marmalade and white flowers in a rich, full-bodied, concentrated style. Coming from three different terroirs on Hermitage Hill (Méa, Les Murets and Chante Alouette), don't miss it!'
95 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2022+

**Chapoutier 'De L'Orée' 2015
Hermitage**

£600 per 6 IB

LIMITED AVAILABILITY
98 Points Wine Advocate

'Of the three sélection parcellaire whites, the 2015 Ermitage de l'Orée is the most fresh and lively, with full-bodied richness and depth in its pineapple, mint, tropical fruits, toasted bread, brioche and liquid rock-styled aromas and flavors. It has good acidity, a stacked mid-palate and one seriously long finish.'
98 points – Jeb Dunnuck, RobertParker.com, December 2016



Drink to 2035

Mixed Cases

Rhône 2015 Southern Reds Mix

£100 per 12 IB

Contains three bottles each of:

Domaine Montirius 'Le Village' Vacqueyras
Coudoulet de Beaucastel, Côtes-du-Rhône
Domaine Rose Dieu, Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Plan de Dieu
Domaine Perrin 'La Gille', Gigondas



Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2015 Reds Mix

£170 per 12 IB

Contains three bottles each of:

Cuvée du Vatican, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Château Sixtine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Domaine de Nalys 'Cuvée Classique', Châteauneuf-du-Pape
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets', Châteauneuf-du-Pape



Rhône 2015 Northern Reds Mix

£190 per 12 IB

Contains three bottles each of:

Domaine du Tunnel, Saint-Joseph
Chapoutier 'Meysonniers', Crozes-Hermitage
Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit 30', Cornas
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux', Hermitage



Rhône 2015 Whites Mix

£130 per 12 IB

Contains three bottles each of:

Domaine de la Charbonnière, Châteauneuf-du-Pape
M&S Ogier d'Ampuis 'Viognier de Rosine', Collines Rhodaniennes IGP
Domaine Quart du Roi, Côtes-du-Rhône-Villages Laudan
Chapoutier 'Deschants', Saint-Joseph



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