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Domaine Charvin, Paul Avril - Clos des Papes, Raymond Usseglio, Domaine Lionnet and Domaine Rostaing.

In the Southern Rhone you'll find the famed wines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The name literally means 'new castle of the Pope', and references when Pope Clement V moved the Church from Rome to Avignon in 1309. Here Grenache is king (although there are eighteen different varieties including whites that are permitted in the blend!)

The Northern Rhone is home to the finest Syrah's produced anywhere. Here the steep rocky vineyards rise directly from the river, providing an ideal terroir. Syrah is the only permitted red variety here in iconic appellations such as Cornas and Côte-Rôtie ('Roasted slope').

We have some truly stunning examples in this offer, almost all coming from the exceptional 2022 vintage. Across both the Northern and Southern Rhône, these wines are immediately approachable, but also have serious cellaring potential for collectors. This year there are a number of special bottlings that we have never seen before in New Zealand.

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These wines are expected to land July 2025. Payment not due until arrival.

- John Caro & Regan McCaffery



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WINE ORDER FORM	QUANTITY	PRICE* (In mixed 6+)
2022 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf-du-Pape		\$100
2022 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape		\$175
2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition		\$74.99
2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Pure Clairette		\$130
2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Pure Rousanne		\$130
2022 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Impériale Vignes Centenaries		\$130
2022 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Apôtres		\$175
2022 Domaine Lionnet Cornas "Pur Granit"		\$115
2022 Domaine Lionnet Cornas "Terre Brûlée"		\$115
2023 Domaine Rostaing Les Lézardes Viognier		\$49.99
2022 Domaine Rostaing Les Lézardes Syrah		\$64.99
2023 Domaine Rostaing Condrieu La Bonnette		\$125
2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Ampodium		\$125
2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie La Viallere		\$200
2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie La Landonne		\$245
2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde		\$260
2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Brune		\$410

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2022 CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE VINTAGE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape's 2022 vintage presents a unique blend of characteristics from both solar and cooler vintages. While budbreak occurred later than usual, the harvest was one of the earliest ever, resulting in a short growing season that demanded winegrowers' full attention and dedication to the vines and the cellar—a crucial factor in this vintage's success. At their best, the wines exhibit the depth and density typical of a sunny, hot year without high alcohol levels, while also showcasing fresh, vibrant aromas and tense, ethereal structures that are more typical of a cooler vintage. The best 2022s possess fully ripe tannins and concentrated textures reminiscent of 2003 (although not to the same degree), combined with the vibrant, fresh, aromatic qualities typical of a cooler year. This makes it a very good vintage that leans more toward a style favoring fruit, freshness and tension rather than the power and alcohol often found in sunny vintages. Some may question the aging potential of these wines, but I sincerely believe they will stand the test of time and surprise us with their brilliance after several years in the cellar.

-Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

I was eager to see how Châteauneuf-du-Pape performed in 2022, a growing season marked by heat, drought and hail. The short answer is that 2022 is a very good vintage here, clearly surpassing 2021 for the reds. Harvests took place relatively early—two weeks earlier than in 2021 and one week ahead of 2020. As a result, many of the 2022s lean toward a red-fruit-driven, ripe and juicy profile instead of displaying overripe or jammy characteristics. A key element that shaped the 2022 reds was relatively small berries with elevated skin-to-pulp ratios, which necessitated careful extractions in order to manage tannins. Still, 2022 ended up significantly more tannic than both 2021 and 2020. What sorts the wheat from the chaff is how ripe and well-integrated those tannins are. Looking at finished, bottled wines, the 2022 Clos des Papes is deeply impressive.

-Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher



2022 CÔTE-RÔTIE VINTAGE

Côte-Rôtie's 2022 growing season wasn't especially complicated, yet it nonetheless tested the vines' resilience. Notwithstanding the year's intense dryness and various challenges, most of the wines from this vintage exhibit excellent tension and vibrancy, substantial depth at the core and some aromatic freshness. The region's top producers excelled in these conditions, crafting some excellent wines with real aging potential. The best wines of 2022 from Côte-Rôtie are vibrant with velvety, delicate tannins, brilliantly showcasing the stylistic expression of Syrah. With their structure, tension and elegant acidity, the better wines have the potential to age beautifully for at least 10 to 15 years and even longer for the finest examples. Yet what makes this vintage particularly compelling is its approachability while young. The moderate alcohol levels and the refreshing coolness that characterized August have rendered these wines not only accessible but also enjoyable from an early stage. This blend of longevity and early drinkability makes the vintage uniquely appealing.

-Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

Seldom does Syrah produce wines of such elegance and detail as it does in Côte-Rôtie, evoking characteristics often associated with Pinot Noir. Usually medium-bodied at most and often red-fruited and hauntingly floral, these wines can dazzle with refinement and finesse. Despite the warm and dry growing season in 2022, many wines burst with freshness and intensity. The million-dollar question is whether 2022 will be comparable to the all-star 2020. In my view, most likely not – 2020 seems more complete, round and harmonious. Still, they largely surpass 2021 and potentially also 2023. At the top of the charts, the very best 2022s are absolutely divine and have all the ingredients for long lives in bottle. All told, 2022 is a very fine vintage in Côte-Rôtie, and there are plenty of awesome wines to look forward to.

-Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher



2022 CORNAS VINTAGE

The 2022 vintage in Cornas has produced wines of unexpected refinement and youthful charm, despite the year's challenging climatic conditions. A growing season marked by drought, intense sunshine and elevated temperatures during critical periods might have presaged a crop of dense, tannic, firm and overripe wines. Yet these 2022s defy such expectations, delivering surprising freshness and ethereal elegance, underpinned by delicate tannic structures. The reds are characterized by dense structures with a solid chassis of tannins, well-balanced profiles and ethereal finishes marked by elegant licorice, dark berries and delicately spicy aromas. They are distinctly Hermitage-like in style, handling the year's climatic challenges with impressive poise while preserving their freshness.

-Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

The tiny, red-only appellation of Cornas encompasses 159 hectares. The vineyards are nestled in a south- and east-facing amphitheater, with some sites having fairly steep slopes. The combination of a warm Mediterranean climate, effective protection from the mistral winds and significant aspects translates into earlier ripening than the other appellations. While Cornas tended to be overly tannic and rustic in the past, many producers have since shifted to a more polished and modern style. Two thousand twenty-two, shows great promise. The wines exhibit gorgeously expressive fruit and are often well-balanced despite their robust tannic structures. A few have the potential to be truly exceptional.

-Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher



2022 Domaine Charvin Châteauneuf-du-Pape - \$100

"This astonishing Chateauneuf-du-Pape has the enormous aromatic complexity and subtlety that we expect from Grand Cru red Burgundies. Enormous concentration and ample richness on the palate, and the structure behind this is no less impressive. Stacks of very fine tannins. The black and red berry fruit washes over you in a huge wave in the breathtaking licorice finish. So much drive and freshness. Enormous aging potential. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold!"

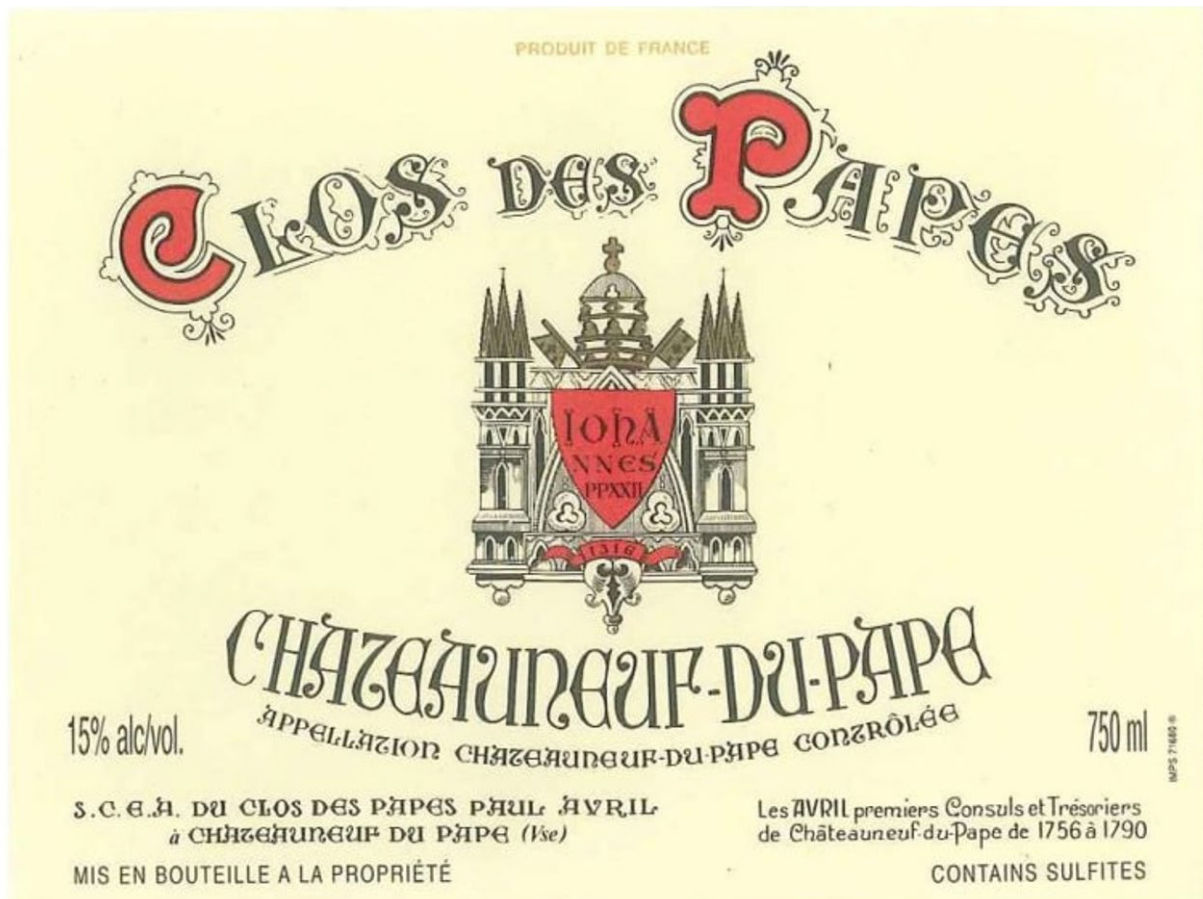
98/100 James Suckling, Stuart Piggott

"Another highlight this year; Charvin's 2022 Chateauneuf du Pape exhales a complex, floral bouquet of violet, rose petals, dark cherries, spices and menthol intertwined with delicate garrigue notes. Medium to full-bodied and fine-boned with a layered core of fruit, bright acids and velvety tannins, it finishes long and ethereal with a delicate tannic frame thanks to whole bunches. This blend of 80% Grenache, 7% Syrah, 5% Mourvèdre and the rest of Vaccarèse and Cunoise is one of my favorites this year. Drink 2026-2046"

94-96/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

"Tasted from multiple samples (as well as a final blend), the 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape is going to be a beauty. All of the samples had a Grand Cru Red Burgundy-like style in their mouthfeel and structure. With more red fruits as well as lots of rose, violet, and sappy flower notes, this peppery, medium-bodied, focused, elegant Châteauneuf has tons of tannins, a focused, precise mouthfeel, and a gorgeous finish. It's a beautiful wine that's going to need 4-5 years of bottle age."

92-94/100 Jeb Dunnuck



“Paul-Vincent Avril, who likes to be called Vincent to avoid confusion with his father Paul, is in his 36th vintage at Clos des Papes. After studying for five years at the Lycée Viticole de Beaune, Avril expanded his winemaking skills by working at several wineries, among them Château Mouton Rothschild in Bordeaux, Domaine Ott in Bandol and Mount Mary Vineyard in Australia’s Yarra Valley.

Historically, Avril has worked with average yields of 20hL/ha, which is considerably lower than most of his peers and the 35hL/ha limit set by the AOC. I can’t recall a single instance of tasting a Clos des Papes falling short of expectations. What impresses me most is that they maintain this level of quality with just two offerings, just a red and white, without relying on any extravagant cuvées. Essentially, Clos des Papes wines are expressive and savory, exhibiting aromatic complexity, firm structure and ample depth. In the glass, Avril produced an outstanding 2022 red, bottled just two days before my visit. No matter the growing season, Avril manages to produce wines of pedigree and class with extensive aging potential.”

-Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2022 Clos des Papes Châteauneuf-du-Pape - \$175

“The 2022 Châteauneuf Du Pape reminds me of the 2007 with its incredible sexiness and seamless, elegant texture. Black cherry liqueur, Provençal herbs, flowers, and licorice are just some of its nuances, and it’s full-bodied, with a layered mouthfeel, gorgeous tannins, and a great, great finish. Tasted from multiple foudre, this is unquestionably up with the finest in the vintage, and as I’ve written in the past, it’s almost impossible to have too much Clos des Papes in the cellar!”

97-99/100 Jeb Dunnuck

“The 2022 vintage at Clos des Papes has turned out exceptionally well, producing wines with beautifully balanced structures and aromatic bouquets, bright acids and tension. Despite a hailstorm that destroyed approximately one-third of the crop this year, Paul-Vincent Avril managed to produce a wine with the same grape proportions as in previous years, thanks to his vineyard’s diverse and fragmented nature. So, the 2022 Chateaufneuf du Pape from Clos des Papes reveals a delicate, aromatic bouquet of peony, gooseberry, lilac, flowers and cherries mingled with delicate notes of fennel and menthol. Medium to full-bodied, sappy and layered, it’s perfectly textured with velvety, delicate tannins enhanced by bright acids and a long, ethereal finish. Although the Mourvèdre is slightly dominant at this stage, this wine is unquestionably poised for great aging potential. Drink 2025-2045”

97/100 Parker’s Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

"The alluring 2022 Châteauneuf-du-Pape won me over in a heartbeat. Vivid licorice, sage, blueberry, lavender, red and black cherry as well as crushed flowers hail from the glass. Full-bodied and intense, the 2022 packs ample flavor concentration yet always maintains balance through lifting freshness. Polished tannins neatly structure this ambitious 2022 that has the potential to age gracefully for at least two decades. Drink 2032-2050"

96+/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

"A touch less Mourvèdre this year, but not enough to change the profile of the wine, which is fairly classic albeit pretty bombastic in 2022. Raspberry and black cherry, ripe and exuberant. Full but not massive, the alcohol is present, slightly warming the finish. Tannins are a little grainy, so I would give this time to settle before broaching. Succulent and juicy, with a touch of liquorice. Vincent Avril believes the wine could close down quite early on. So drink young, or (even better) wait until 2030. All destemmed, aged in old foudres. Drink 2030-2042"

96/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

"A silky, textural and harmonious red with notes of dark cherries, fresh blackberries, dried thyme, currants and some mild spices. It's medium-bodied with finely grained tannins. Elegant and graceful, silky and bright. Fresh center palate with plenty of vitality and a caressing texture. Precise and harmonious with a pure expression of fruit at the center and a vibrant, spicy finish. Drink or hold."

96/100 James Suckling





DOMAINE USSEGLIO RAYMOND & FILS

“Domaine Raymond Usseglio & Fils oversees 55 hectares of vineyards across various Southern Rhône appellations, with 22 hectares in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC. The estate has been under the guiding hand of Stéphane Usseglio since 1998, with his full inaugural vintage debuting in 1999. Embracing biodynamic farming practices from early on, the winery received the certification in 2011 and Biodivin certification in 2022. Stéphane Usseglio’s reds are notable for their polish, focus and nerve. While the whites, including the Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Pure Roussanne and Pure Clairette, can be enjoyed upon release, the red wines are well suited for aging. The wines from the 2022 vintage promise even greater complexity after at least two more years in the bottle, depending on the cuvée. The pinnacle of the winery’s offerings is the Apôtres, which has been produced only in select years: 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2022. This complex red results from co-fermenting the 13 permitted grape varieties, followed by three months of post-fermentation skin contact and aging in amphorae. The 2022 Apôtres stands out for its concentration and complexity, balanced by exceptional tension and ample freshness. This year’s tasting has confirmed Stéphane Usseglio’s status as a dedicated and forward-thinking winemaker.”

– Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Tradition - \$74.99

“For a vintage with many wines that are too big and alcoholic, this is a masterpiece of balance and precision. Very ripe red berry, Damson plum, ripe fig and summer flower aromas make this a very enticing Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Restrained power and an entire spectrum of spicy nuances on the full-bodied palate, the fine tannins gently building at the very persistent, silky finish. From biodynamically grown grapes with Demeter certification. Drink or hold!”

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The full-bodied 2023 Châteauneuf-du-Pape offers detailed aromas of ripe strawberry, black cherry, crushed flowers and a hint of licorice. Juicy, concentrated and elegant, the 2023 delivers sweet-tasting fruit balanced by vibrant freshness. Drink 2026-2037”

93/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Pure Clairette - \$130

“A fresh and lively style of Châteauneuf blanc, but still with the requisite size, shape and power. It's well balanced, with energy and vibrancy; the well-judged oak is present but doesn't occlude the fruit. An impressive wine with presence, detail and a long finish. Crafted from equal parts Clairette and Clairette Rose grown on sand in Bois Sénéchaux, all fermented and aged in foudre and demi-muid. Drink 2024-2036”

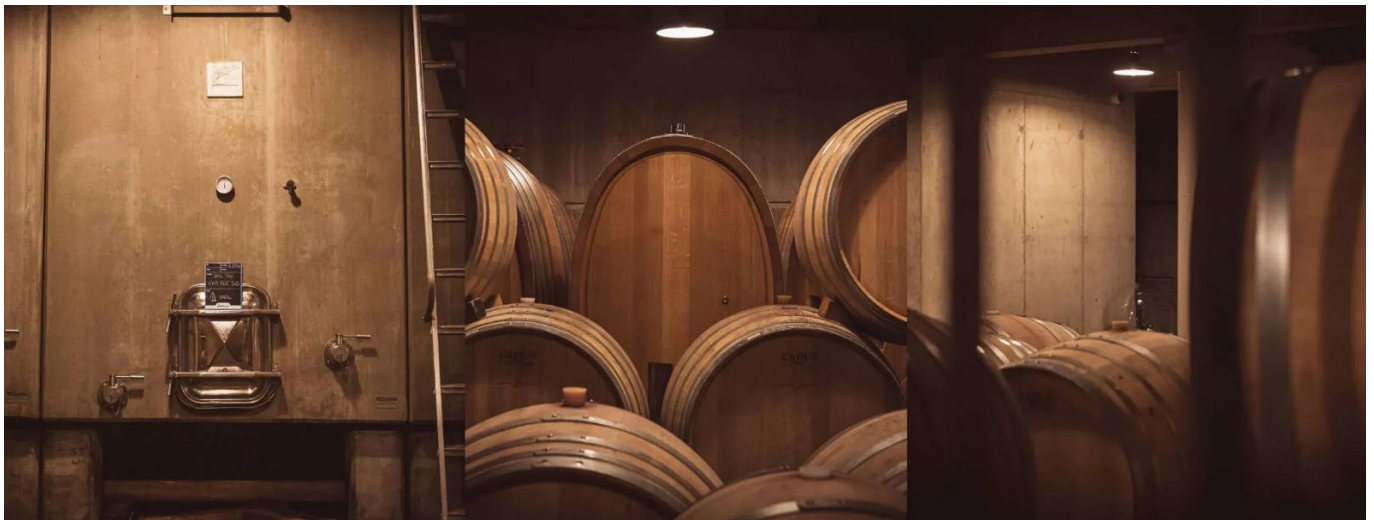
95/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

“50% Clairette Rose, 50% Clairette. Aged for 8 months, 60% in foudres and 40% in demi-muids. Certified organic and biodynamic. Tasted blind. A fine and linear palate with a sense of fresh minerality and lovely texture. Ripe but not heavy and with a saline note on the finish. Really engaging, refreshing and enticing. Superb. Drink 2027-2036”

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Alistair Cooper MW

“An elegant and creamy white Chateauneuf with very good concentration and charming lemon notes, everything from blossoms to candied fruit. The salty minerality makes the long, supple finish bright and uplifting. From biodynamically grown grapes. Fermented and matured in demi muids and Stockinger Fuder. A textbook wine for Clairette in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. Drink or hold!”

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



2023 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc Pure Roussanne - \$130

“This rich dry white Chateauneuf has tremendous textural complexity and a wealth of Asian pear, melon and ripe citrus character on the full-bodied palate. Terrific concentration and drive on the long, very focused palate. From biodynamically grown grapes. Fermented and matured in demi-muids and Stockinger foudres. Drink or hold!”

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“100% Roussanne. Aged for 8 months, 60% in foudres and 40% in new barriques. Certified organic and biodynamic. Tasted blind. Beautiful nose! With ripe apple and almond, the palate is packed full of fresh acidity and very well-judged oak. Saline and fine, it has a ripeness and freshness that is supremely balanced. Such precision on the palate. A wine that will age beautifully – bravo!”

17.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Alistair Cooper MW

“Exclusively crafted from Roussanne planted in equal parts of sandy and pebble soils, the 2023 Chateauneuf du Pape Roussanne is an outstanding wine in the making. Matured for eight months in wooden tanks (60%) and new barrels (40%), the oak is barely noticeable and complemented by a delicate, deep bouquet of blanched almonds, pear, white peach, spices and honeysuckle. Full-bodied, enrobing and rich, it's perfectly balanced with a fleshy, rich core of fruit and a long, delicate, endless finish. This is yet another outstanding white wine from this estate. It will undoubtedly improve with 2-4 years of cellaring and has the potential to age gracefully for a decade. Drink 2028-2040”

94/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing



2022 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Cuvée Impériale Vignes Centenaires - \$130

“This astonishing 2022 Chateauf-neuf has giant depth and concentration of black fruit aromas with notes of spices and dry earth, beneath which is a deep foundation of super-fine tannins. Very long, imposing finish with stacks of licorice and black olive character. Great aging potential. 92% grenache from vines planted in 1901 and 1902, with a small amount of white grape varieties inter-planted. Matured exclusively in concrete tanks. Bottled unfiltered. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.”

96/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

“The Cuvée Impériale Vignes Centenaires stands out from the crowd. It is made from older than 120 year vines and harvested at miniscule yields of 16 – 18 hL/ha. Made almost entirely from Grenache and raised in concrete, the 2022 is gorgeous. Wafting from the glass with prominent spice box, black cherry, black plum and raspberry alongside minty shadings, the 2022 packs terrific focus and inner energy. Balanced by refreshing acidity and tightly structured, it should see its 20th birthday in excellent shape. Drink 2028-2042”

94/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

“With a reductive profile, the 2022 Chateauf-neuf du Pape Cuvée Impériale, a blend of 95% Grenache Noir and the remaining portion from other authorized varieties in unknown proportions, exhales aromas of peony, iris, dark wild berries, flowers and mulberries. Medium to full-bodied, satiny and seamless, it is characterized by ripe tannins and a broad, saline finish accented by peony notes and bright acids. This cuvée is a beautiful, expertly crafted Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape totally destemmed and matured entirely in concrete tanks. This is a real gem. Drink 2024-2044”

94/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

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USSEGLIO RAYMOND & FILS CHÂTEAUNEUF DU PAPE

Mise en bouteille au Domaine

2022 Raymond Usseglio Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Apôtres - \$175

"The fifth iteration of this cuvée, the 2022 Châteauneuf du Pape Les Apôtres features a co-fermentation of the 13 authorized varieties that undergo a lengthy 120-day maceration. It reveals a dense, vibrant bouquet of cassis, mulberries, dark cherries, licorice, lead pencil, tapenade, garrigue and spices. Full-bodied, dense and rich with an enveloping texture, it's seamless and perfectly balanced with a sappy, fleshy core of fruit that segues into a dense, long and endless finish, establishing its preeminence among the domaine's offerings. This is a cuvée that invariably benefits from extended cellaring. Drink 2034-2054"

96/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

"The 2022 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Apôtres is a stunner. This is only the fourth time Stéphane Usseglio made this cuvée, a co-fermentation of 13 different grapes with amphora-aging. Three months of skin contact post fermentation resulted in concentrated red and black fruits, crushed violets, licorice and pencil shaving traces. Despite all the substance, the 2022 is surprisingly agile and bursts with energy and freshness. A savory and elongated finish rounds it all up. Tasted twice with consistent notes. Drink 2026-2042"

95/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

"As refined as it is deep, this is a remarkable expression of Châteauneuf in which the ample tannins are enveloped in a wealth of red fruit and spices. The super-long, velvety finish pulls you inexorably back for more. Limited production. A cuvee of all 13 grape varieties allowed in this appellation from biodynamically grown grapes. Macerated on the skins in amphorae for two months and bottled unfiltered. Drink or hold."

95/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



“Domaine Lionnet delivers highly expressive, unadorned and elegant wines that greatly please old-school purists. With only 2.2 hectares in Cornas and another 1.8 in Saint-Joseph, these wines have never been easy to find, and increasing attention from the local and international market has not made things any easier. A bit of sleuthing will likely be required to track these wines down. Corinne Lionnet, her husband, Ludovic Izerable, who makes the wines, and now their son, Luca, work in a strictly hands-off fashion. The wines are made with whole clusters and native yeast raised in large oak barrels, almost none of them new and, recently, some amphoras, with which they are quite pleased. Today, I would count this domaine's wines among the best from Cornas.”

-Vinous, Josh Raynolds

2022 Domaine Lionnet Cornas “Pur Granit” - \$115

“The 2022 Cornas Pur Granit is an attractive, perfumed wine. From a southeast-facing one-hectare parcel of selection massale Syrah, planted between 2008 and 2011, in the vineyard of Saint-Pierre at 380 meters altitude. The combination of high altitude and pure granite soil (hence the name) yields a taut, racy Cornas of remarkable focus and mineral purity. Evoking aromas of violet, dark cherries and licorice mingled with delicate notes of pencil lead, it's medium to full-bodied, enveloping and concentrated with a sweet entry, structured tannins and a fleshy core of fruit that segues into a long, spicy and ethereal finish. This is a well-crafted, elegant and vibrant Cornas that will offer a broad drinking window. Drink 2025-2037”

93/100 Parker's Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

“Dense forest berry fruit is wrapped around a compact core of healthy tannins. The peppery and stony aspects of this impressive Cornas are equally strong. Long, plush finish with excellent energy, still with some youthful firmness. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2026”

93/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



2022 Domaine Lionnet Cornas “Terre Brûlée” - \$115

“The 2022 Cornas Terre Brûlée, crafted from several plots of old vines situated mainly in the north of the appellation, is seamless and complete, bursting with pure aromas of iris, violet, gentian and dark berries. Full-bodied, ample and satiny, with a layered, enveloping core of fruit, it’s framed by structured, youthful tannins and a long, mineral and slightly firm finish. Its delicate austerity should mellow with time in the cellar. This is an impressive effort! Drink 2028-2040”

94/100 Parker’s Wine Advocate, Yohan Castaing

“Very smoky with notes of soot and tar; this is pretty radical Cornas. A blend of 6 parcels located in 5 emblematic lieux-dits: Chaillot, Mazards, Brugères, Combes and Chataignier. On the full-bodied palate, the dense, plush tannins are built on a serious scale, but the alcohol content is normal for this appellation. In fact the finish has a terrific energy and drive. From organically grown grapes. Drinkable now, but best from 2025.”

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott



"Pierre Rostaing is at the top of his game and presented a spectacular lineup of wines in 2022, placing them among the appellation's finest. All the 2022 Côte-Rôties I tasted left a lasting impression and suggest an almost equally high-quality vintage as 2020. The Côte-Rôtie Côte Brune is a knockout. These wines are dense, pure and brimming with personality. They are also built for the long haul, designed to reveal their brilliance only with time. Pierre also draws parallels to 2020. Rostaing employs up to 100% whole-cluster fermentation for his reds, with the proportion of new oak kept at roughly 10% in recent vintages. Readers should also seek out Rostaing's crisp 2023 Condrieu La Bonnette, a vibrant Viognier that undergoes neither oak aging nor malolactic fermentation."

-Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2023 Domaine Rostaing Les Lézardes Viognier - \$49.99

"White peach, apricot, yellow apple and a touch of mango come alive in the aromatic and juicy 2023 Viognier Les Lézardes. Neatly balanced by sufficient freshness, the 2023 is an uplifting Viognier from Pierre Rostaing and can be enjoyed upon release. Drink 2025-2027"

90/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2022 Domaine Rostaing Les Lézardes Syrah - \$64.99

"A lively, crunchy and well-composed syrah with aromas of dark cherries, plums and baking spices. It's medium-bodied with fine tannins and fresh acidity. Driven and succulent with a bright, vivid finish. Drink or hold."

93/100 James Suckling

"Juicy red fruits, pepper, and violet notes all emerge from the 2022 Collines Rhodaniennes Les Lézardes, a medium-bodied, elegant Syrah that's going to offer ample pleasure right out of the gate."

90-91/100 Jeb Dunnuck

"Meat, smoke and graphite nose. Really firm tannin structure with some generosity of fruit, super-tight and introverted at the moment. Leave for at least 5 years. Nice density of fruit and grip and just needs time. Drink 2026-2032"

16.5/20 Jancis Robinson, Alistair Cooper MW

2023 Domaine Rostaing Condrieu La Bonnette - \$125

"A lovely, juicy, bright and aromatic Condrieu with fresh lemons, blanched almonds, white peaches and fresh white flowers. Medium-bodied with bright acidity. Lively and attractive with a long finish. Drink or hold."

94/100 James Suckling

"This is a magnificent Condrieu. The 2023 Condrieu La Bonnette showcases redolent apricot, honeysuckle, banana and white peach tones. Medium-bodied with lifting freshness and spot-on balance, the 2023 is absolutely delicious. True to Rostaing's house style, this Condrieu sees no oak and its malolactic conversion was blocked to preserve both aromatic purity and citrus-like acidity. Drink 2025-2029"

93/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher



2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Ampodium - \$125

"At once fresh and deep with excellent precision, this is a wonderful Cote-Rotie that leaps across the palate. Stacks of fresh forest berries, delicate pepper and red roses. The fine tannins build beautifully in the long, vibrant finish. Excellent aging potential. A cuvee of syrah from more than 20 plots across the appellation. Drinkable now, but best from 2026."

94/100 James Suckling, Stuart Pigott

"Tasted from multiple barrels, the 2022 Côte Rôtie Ampodium will easily be an outstanding wine. All of the barrels had saturated purple hues, terrific purity, lots of both red and blue fruits, integrated oak, and ripe, polished tannins. It's going to be a smoking good base cuvee from this talented family."

93/100 Jeb Dunnuck

"Tasted from 3 different casks at the Domaine. Cask Sample 1: 'Blend of sites'. Blood and graphite on the nose, gravel and spice as well. The palate has taut tannins, a richness and density as well as grip and firmness throughout. Savoury and dark and finishes rounder than it starts. Very primary and introverted, needs time. Cask Sample 2: 'Neve'. Lovely blue fruit on the nose, juicy and has a liquorice note. The tannins are firm yet broad on the palate, still tight but has lovely fruit beneath. Rounded and with a graphite, earthy, bloody note lurking. Youthful. Cask Sample 3: 'Leyat'. Meat and fig and graphite. Taut tannins and meaty, stony and with a gamey edge on the tightly coiled finish."

17/20 Jancis Robinson, Alistair Cooper MW



2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie La Vallere - \$200

"The 2022 Côte Rôtie Vallière comes from a tiny half-hectare of vines in the great lieu-dit in the northern part of the appellation. Black raspberries, spring flowers, violets, and an obvious sense of rocky minerality define the aromatics, and it's medium to full-bodied, with a vibrant spine of acidity and fine tannins. It's going to need bottle age, but it will be great."

94-96+/100 Jeb Dunnuck

"Soft impression on the palate, though does have the Vallière elegance and violet aroma. Good concentration, slightly warming alcohol, velvety tannins. Actually quite robust in tannic weight on the finish, but acidity is fairly gentle. From 90-year-old vines, the oldest of the domaine, from which they take cuttings for replantings. Drink 2026-2036"

95/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

"The outstanding 2022 Côte-Rôtie La Vallière presents intense black fruit, spice and cedar tones, with a hint of licorice and fresh violet. Concentrated and powerful, it's a classy Côte-Rôtie with attitude and focus. Built around a massive tannic structure, the concentrated and medium-bodied 2022 is a wine of substance, pedigree and class. The 2022 will benefit from four more years in bottle. Drink 2029-2040"

94/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher



2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie La Landonne - \$245

"The 2022 Côte Rôtie La Landonne ratchets everything up a notch, offering a darker, meaty style in its smoked black fruits, raw steak, ground pepper, and graphite notes. It's medium to full-bodied and has ripe, polished tannins and terrific overall balance."

95-97/100 Jeb Dunnuck

"Brooding and complex, the 2022 Côte-Rôtie La Landonne has developed splendidly since I last tasted it from barrel one year ago. Fermented entirely with whole-clusters and matured in roughly 15% new oak. Fresh violets, stemmy subtleties, pencil shaving, black cherry and crushed rock notes are all dialed up. A slice of orange rind adds another aromatic layer. Firmly structured by ripe tannins, the 2022 is a singular La Landonne, closing with drive on the nuanced finale. Drink 2028-2042"

95/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

"Remarkably soft on the palate for La Landonne, it doesn't have the same austere impact at this stage as a more classic vintage.

Tannins are soft, ripe and not as intense as usual, but it does have length and ripe black fruit, with a graphite element to the tannins. Acidity is on the low side, as is the alcohol. From parcels planted at different times with an average age of 40 years. Drink 2027-2039"

95/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

"A precise, chalky, driven and fleshy syrah. It shows dark cherries, dark plums and cassis on the nose, together with baking spices and a hint of sandalwood. Medium-bodied with fine tannins. Well-composed and lively, with concentration and focus. Bright, succulent, long and flavorful finish, with an inky note coming through. Drink from 2027."

95/100 James Suckling



2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde - \$260

"The 2022 Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde is another more medium to full-bodied, elegant 2022 in the vintage. It doesn't have the sheer depth and density of the 2020 (it will easily be a step up over the 2021) but nevertheless has a powerful, concentrated style carrying ample red and black fruits, lots of spicy, floral notes, ultra-fine tannins, and a focused, precise style on the palate. I wouldn't be surprised to see it put on weight over the course of its élevage, and it's going to need short-term cellaring to show its full potential!"

95-97/100 Jeb Dunnuck

"A seductive, scented and vivid Cote-Blonde with dark cherries, plums, violets and some wild herbs. It's medium-bodied with fine-grained tannins and bright acidity. Plenty of freshness and precision here with crunchy character. A lovely lift of violets adds an ethereal dimension on the palate, carrying through to the flavorful, peppery and lingering finish. Drink or hold!"

96/100 James Suckling

"Gently fragrant jasmine and rose, very Côte Blonde in terms of aromatics. Soft, velvety mouthfeel with flavours of blackberry, cassis and more rose. Slightly higher alcohol and lower acidity than a typical year, not as tense and upright as some recent vintages, making for a luxurious, rich style of Côte-Rôtie. Four weeks in tank, 18 months in oak, limited new oak, natural yeasts and as many stems as possible. Drink 2026-2038

95/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

"Using 100% whole-clusters during fermentation, the 2022 Côte-Rôtie Côte Blonde totally shines. It reveals intense aromas of cedar, blackberry, black cherry, graphite and a slice of orange rind. Full-bodied and structured by firm tannins with a hint of vanilla, the 2022 Côte Blonde hits the palate with striking inner energy and concentration. Built like a brick wall, the Côte Blonde will require the most time to come around among Rostaing's 2022s. It promises great complexity with patience. Drink 2032-2042"

94/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

2022 Domaine Rostaing Côte Rôtie Côte Brune - \$410

"The 2022 Côte-Rôtie Côte Brune, fermented with 100% whole-clusters, is shaping up to be a dazzling effort from the talented Pierre Rostaing. This is bold and profound—a true head-turner. Intricate layers of ripe black cherry, orange rind, crushed violets, cedar, rose petals, pencil shavings and a hint of black pepper captivate the senses. Medium- to full-bodied, the outstanding 2022 is firmly structured by ripe tannins, and possesses stunning energy and ample concentration. Its long, persistent finish lingers beyond the final sip, leaving a lasting impression. The 2022 demands several years in a cool cellar before the cork can be pulled. Drink 2032-2042"

96/100 Vinous, Nicholas Greinacher

"A richer, darker, fruitier style than a typical vintage of La Côte Brune. Rounded and generous, more about black fruits than flowers this year. Concentrated and opulent, with lovely ripe, soft tannins, and lots of them. Good length. Four weeks in tank, 18 months in oak, limited new oak, natural yeasts and as many stems as possible. Drink 2029-2041"

96/100 Decanter, Matt Walls

"Cask sample. Dense and ripe nose with blood, animal and wild notes, dark fruits. The palate has some richness as well and the tannins are structured and spread over the whole palate – drenching every part of your mouth. So tight at the moment. Beneath those tannins lurks sandalwood, spice and real energy. Tight and compact and the alcohol slightly creeps in on the finish. Rich, dense and with spice, blood and wild notes. Drink 20230-2045"

18/20 Jancis Robinson, Alistair Cooper MW

