

## Rhône 2017 En Primeur Offer

**“Certainly a year that has produced some exciting and delicious wines, and is definitely worth buying”**

Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com

**“There are some beautiful wines in this vintage, most of which will be approachable in their youth. There just won't be much to go around.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

**“2017 is a sun-driven year of what looks like considerable potential.”**

Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com

**“It's a very good vintage, with flashes of greatness at both poles.”**

Matt Walls, Decanter

**“One year on, the end results of the 2017 vintage in the southern Rhône are clearly of the highest potential quality, but in significantly restricted volume”**

Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com

**“2016 and 2017 are incredibly strong vintages with distinctive personalities.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

**“Concentrated, long-lived red wines, generally very good to excellent in quality, very ripe but not jammy.”**

Matt Walls, Decanter

**“The 2018 vintage is likely to be even smaller than the 2017, so devotees of the southern Rhône may want to buy while they can, especially from the most sought-after estates”**

Richard Hemming, JancisRobinson.com

**“Qualitatively, the wines are on a similar level to the 2016s, if not superior, and which you prefer will be mostly driven by personal preferences.”**

Jeb Dunnuck

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Unless otherwise stated, prices are quoted 'in bond' and are exclusive of duty, VAT and delivery (expected in late 2019). You will be notified by post once your wines have arrived. Bottle sizes are 75cl unless otherwise stated.

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## Availability – Mixes + The South

<u>Mixes</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Rhône 2017 Value Reds Mix	-	-	£110 per 12 IB
Rhône 2017 Whites Mix	-	-	£215 per 12 IB
Rhône 2017 Northern Reds Mix	-	-	£240 per 12 IB
Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2017 Reds Mix	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	-	£250 per 12 IB

<u>Southern Reds</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Domaine Martin	Plan de Dieu	-	£70 per 12 IB
Famille Perrin 'Les Cornuds'	Vinsobres	92-94 JD	£80 per 12 IB
Domaine Martin	Rasteau	88 JD	£90 per 12 IB
Domaine Martin	Cairanne	89-91 JD	£95 per 12 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Le Temps Est Venu'	Côtes-du-Rhône	92 JD	£95 per 12 IB
Domaine Montirius 'Le Village'	Vacqueyras	-	£125 per 12 IB
Domaine Montirius 'Sérine'	Côtes-du-Rhône	90-93 RP	£135 per 12 IB
Domaine Martin 'Sommets de Rasteau VV'	Rasteau	-	£140 per 12 IB
Famille Perrin 'La Gille'	Gigondas	92-94 RP	£145 per 12 IB
Coudoulet de Beaucastel	Côtes-du-Rhône	91-93 RP	£150 per 12 IB
Domaine de la Charbonnière	Vacqueyras	91-93 RP	£80 per 6 IB
Domaine Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés'	Gigondas	92-95 RP	£200 per 12 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94 RP	£105 per 6 IB
Château Sixtine	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94 JD	£220 per 12 IB
Domaine Montirius 'Le Clos'	Vacqueyras	92-94 RP	£225 per 12 IB
Domaine de la Charbonnière	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94 RP	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets' <b>2016</b>	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93 JD	£120 per 6 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Cuvée Réserve' <b>2016</b>	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	95 RP	£140 per 6 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Cuvée Prestige'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96-98 RP	£160 per 6 IB
Domaine Saint Préfert 'Classique'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	92-94 JD	£160 per 6 IB
Famille Perrin 'L'Argnée'	Gigondas	95 DC	£175 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	95-97 RP	£240 per 6 IB
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe 'La Crau' <b>2016</b>	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	98 JS	£245 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'Croix de Bois'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94-96 RP	£260 per 6 IB
Clos des Papes	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96-99 JD	£336 per 6 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Secret des Sabon' <b>2016</b>	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	99 JD	£540 per 6 IB
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Secret des Sabon'	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	98-100 RP	£575 per 6 IB

<u>Southern Whites</u>	<u>Origin</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Price</u>
Château Sixtine Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93+ JD	£220 per 12 IB
Domaine de la Charbonnière Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94 JS	£115 per 6 IB
Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	96 JS	£210 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	93-95 JD	£250 per 6 IB
Clos des Papes Blanc	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	94-95 VM	£255 per 6 IB
Château de Beaucastel Roussanne VV	Châteauneuf-du-Pape	97-99 RP	£270 per 3 IB

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## Availability – The North

<b><u>Northern Reds</u></b>	<b><u>Origin</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Chapoutier 'Les Meysonniers'	Crozes-Hermitage	90-92 RP	£70 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères'	Crozes-Hermitage	89-92 RP	£75 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Syrah de Rosine'	Collines Rhodaniennes IGP	90-92 RP	£150 per 12 IB
Yves Cuilleron 'Cavanos'	Saint-Joseph	-	£90 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Le Passage'	Saint-Joseph	94 DC	£190 per 12 IB
Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre'	Crozes-Hermitage	91-94 VM	£195 per 12 IB
Domaine du Tunnel	Saint-Joseph	90-92 RP	£130 per 6 IB
Domaine Courbis 'Champelrose'	Cornas	93-95 RP	£130 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Eygats'	Cornas	94-96 JD	£135 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Patou'	Cornas	94-96+ JD	£150 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'L'Âme Sœur'	Collines Rhodaniennes IGP	90-93 RP	£150 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel	Cornas	91-94 RP	£170 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux'	Hermitage	93-95 JD	£180 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Montmain'	Côte-Rôtie	94-96 JD	£195 per 6 IB
Domaine Rostaing 'Ampodium'	Côte-Rôtie	91-94 RP	£245 per 6 IB
Domaine Rostaing 'Ampodium' (150cl)	Côte-Rôtie	91-94 RP	£490 per 6 IB
Domaine Yann Chave	Hermitage	17.5 JR	£285 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Le Méal'	Hermitage	95-97 JD	£315 per 6 IB
Domaine du Tunnel 'Pur Noir'	Cornas	96-98 RP	£440 per 6 IB
Domaine Rostaing 'La Landonne'	Côte-Rôtie	95-97+ JD	£495 per 6 IB
Domaine Rostaing 'Côte Blonde'	Côte-Rôtie	95-97 RP	£550 per 6 IB
<b><u>Northern Whites</u></b>	<b><u>Origin</u></b>	<b><u>Score</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
Guigal	Côtes-du-Rhône	90 JD	£40 per 6 IB
Domaine Vincent Paris 'Granit Blanc'	Ardèche IGP	-	£70 per 6 IB
Stéphane Ogier 'Vioignier de Rosine'	Collines Rhodaniennes IGP	91 JD	£145 per 12 IB
Yves Cuilleron 'Lyseras'	Saint-Joseph	-	£75 per 6 IB
Guigal <b>2016</b>	Crozes-Hermitage	91 JS	£80 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'Les Meysonniers' Blanc	Crozes-Hermitage	91 JS	£85 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'Deschants' Blanc	Saint-Joseph	90 JD	£85 per 6 IB
Yves Cuilleron 'La Petite Côte'	Condrieu	-	£140 per 6 IB
Guigal 'Lieu-Dit'	Saint-Joseph	93 RP	£145 per 6 IB
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux' Blanc	Hermitage	95 JD	£180 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'Chante-Alouette'	Hermitage	94 RP	£230 per 6 IB
Domaine Rostaing 'La Bonnette'	Condrieu	92 RP	£240 per 6 IB
Guigal 'La Doriane'	Condrieu	97 JD	£295 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'Le Méal' Blanc	Hermitage	98 RP	£685 per 6 IB
Chapoutier 'De L'Orée'	Hermitage	99 DC	£725 per 6 IB

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## Domaine Martin

*"Has plenty to love"*  
**Jeb Dunnuck on Domaine Martin Cairanne 2017**

A big customer favourite and it's no surprise why; the reds produced here are out and out delicious and are offered at exceptionally good prices. This makes them ideal house wines therefore.

The 2017s here are no shrinking violets and represent another successful vintage after the wonderful 2015 and 2016s. We have again managed to secure an allocation of the supercuvée 'Les Sommets de Rasteau' – a bigger, denser, old vine take on the appellation that surely represents one of France's biggest fine wine bargains – a serious wine at a very modest price.



**Domaine Martin 2017  
Plan de Dieu**



**£70 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2021  
Arriving mid-2019

"God's plain" is Domaine Martin's home turf and one only has to set foot outside the winery itself to immediately be in these vineyards, blessed not only with a good view of the Mont Ventoux looming ominously in the background, but also with a pebbly soil very similar to that of many parts of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The wine itself is friendly, rounded and fruit driven. It is phenomenal value and an excellent signature of the Domaine.

**Domaine Martin 2017  
Rasteau**



**£90 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2019

**88 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Clean, classy, and fruit-forward, the already bottled 2017 Rasteau from Domaine Martin is medium to full-bodied, nicely textured, and balanced. It shows the forward, charming style of the vintage nicely and should drink well for 4-6 years."  
88 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, September 2018

**Domaine Martin 2017  
Cairanne**



**£95 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2019

**89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

"A promising barrel sample, the 2017 Cairanne offers an exotic, green herb-like character (similar to winter savory) in its floral, berry, and plum-scented bouquet. It's charming, rounded, and elegant on the palate, and has plenty to love. Drink it on release and over the coming 5-7 years."  
89-91 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, September 2018

**Domaine Martin  
'Les Sommets de Rasteau' 2017  
Rasteau**



**£140 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving mid-2019

This is Rasteau with all the dials turned up to eleven! Masses of sweet dark fruit are joined by hulking tannins that promise good ageing potential. At this stage, this is almost challenging to taste, but there is no doubt of the wine's excellent quality, especially so when the price is factored in. Knocks the socks off many a Châteauneuf.

## Domaine Montirius

*“One of my favorite southern Rhone estates, Montirius, which is run by the passionate Christine and Eric Saurel, fashions classic Gigondas and Vacqueyras from their roughly 143 acres under vine”*  
Jeb Dunnuck

There is a lot to like about Domaine Montirius and the wines that are produced there. Run by the charming couple Christine and Eric Saurel and their daughters Justine and Manon, they adopted full biodynamics in 1996 and none of the wines see any oak ageing. No sulphur is added at bottling either, so these are wines where the fruit sings solo, unadulterated by other influences.

The whole range is impressive, showcasing the meticulous attention to detail that is found at many biodynamic estates, but at the top of the tree is the Vacqueyras 'Le Clos' whose clay soils have been analysed and found to be identical to those at Château Petrus (something Petrus's neighbours would kill for!) and the Gigondas 'Terre des Aînés'. Making its debut in our range this year is the astounding value Côtes-du-Rhône 'Sérine'.



### Domaine Montirius 'Le Village' 2017 Vacqueyras



**£125 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving mid-2019

The most approachable wine made by the estate, this will be showing well on release. A mid-weighted blend of younger vines in Vacqueyras, this shows all of the Domaine's hallmarks, including a herbal edge and a wonderful thick, but round texture to the tannins.

### Domaine Montirius 'Sérine' 2017 Côtes-du-Rhône



**£135 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving mid-2019

#### 90-93 Robert Parker

“An all-Syrah cuvée, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Serine is again a star, offering herbal-peppery aromas, a full-bodied palate loaded with dark fruit flavors and a creamy, lush texture. It looks like a sure winner.”  
90-93 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, October 2018

### Domaine Montirius 'La Terre des Aînés' 2017 Gigondas



**£200 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving mid-2019

#### 92-95 Robert Parker

#### 89-91 Jeb Dunnuck

#### 14 Jancis Robinson

“Full-bodied and creamy in texture, the 2017 Gigondas Terres des Aines was singing from vat, showing great Grenache-based fruit, spicy complexity and lovely freshness and feel. Tasted twice, with consistent notes.”  
92-95 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, October 2018

### Domaine Montirius 'Le Clos' 2017 Vacqueyras



**£225 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving mid-2019

#### 92-94 Robert Parker

#### 92-94 Jeb Dunnuck

#### 17 Jancis Robinson

“A 50-50 blend of Grenache and Syrah, the 2017 Vacqueyras le Clos offers up peppery, spicy aromas, plenty of berry fruit and a full-bodied, velvety-textured palate. It looks just about as good as the fabulous 2016.”  
92-94 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, October 2018



# Château Sixtine

**“Jean-Marc is an innovative visionary”  
Robert Parker**

The Diffontys are old timers in Châteauneuf-du-Pape it is fair to say, having been settled in the area since the 17th century. They were one of the first to bottle their wine at the estate back in 1902 and in 1992 the property's modern era began when Jean-Marc and his wife Karine took over the reigns. They gradually changed the Domaine's style to suit their tastes, in particular with the introduction to the range of the 'Réserve Sixtine', later renamed simply 'Château Sixtine' – a supercuvée that always offers masses of upfront fruit and body in a framework of exceptionally rounded tannins. Unsurprisingly, this style proved popular with Robert Parker too.



The Château Sixtine and Cuvée du Vatican (not produced in 2017) wines are always ones we choose to exhibit at shows, or to impress guests at home – they really are very difficult not to thoroughly enjoy! In this respect, the voluptuous white Château Sixtine is no different from the reds.

**Château Sixtine 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£220 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving mid-2019

**92-94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**17 Jancis Robinson**

“The only 2017 presented, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Sixtine (50% Grenache, 30% Syrah, and 20% Mourvèdre) is another full-bodied, powerful wine that has solid density and depth as well as baby fat. Offering terrific notes of black fruits, chocolate, graphite, and leafy herbs, it has beautiful purity, ripe tannins, and a great finish.”  
92-94 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, August 2018

**Château Sixtine Blanc 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£220 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2021  
Arriving mid-2019

**93+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**92 Vinous**

**91 Robert Parker**

“The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Château Sixtine Blanc is a classic effort from this estate, which always turns out a powerful, rich style of white. The 2017 offers a touch of reduction and minerality, with classic notes of white peach, citrus blossom, and mint. Medium-bodied, concentrated, with bright acidity and lots of potential, it needs a decant if drinking any time soon and will be at its best from 2019-2024+. The blend is 95% Roussanne and 5% Clairette raised in old barrels and stainless steel.”  
93+ Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, August 2018

## Domaine de la Charbonnière

***“Domaine Charbonniere is a contender for the best value wine in Chateauf-neuf du Pape. The wines produced at the domaine pair high quality with character and fair pricing. In today’s world, that combination is harder to find than ever.”***  
**Jeff Leve**

It is hard not to like the wines of this traditional, family-run estate. Robert Parker calls it “one of my favourite estates in the southern Rhone”, while his successor Jeb Dunnuck calls it “a fantastic estate”. Tasting there, it is hard to disagree. Véronique Maret produces a range of wines from a number of enviable holdings scattered across varied terroirs in each corner of Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape’s vineyards.

Naturally, a number of terroir-specific wines are bottled, but it is the ‘Cuvée du Domaine’ red, and to a lesser extent, white, which best sum up this Domaine’s appeal. Stylistically, these wines combine a traditional style based on balance and restraint, with a more modern touch emphasising the pure, clean fruit and fully ripe tannins that make the wines accessible in their youth, despite the clear ageing potential. New to our range in 2017 is the Vacqueyras, which Jeb Dunnuck calls “outstanding”, while Joe Czerwinski notes “don’t neglect the wines being produced from the family’s 20 hectares in the Sarrians sector of Vacqueyras, which boasts clay-and-galets soils not dissimilar from certain parts of Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape.”

### Domaine de la Charbonnière 2017 Vacqueyras



**£80 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving mid-2019

**91-93 Robert Parker**

**89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

“A representative tank sample of the 2017 Vacqueyras showed impressive ripeness and concentration. Leather and clove notes accent blueberry fruit in this full-bodied blend of 60% Grenache and 40% Syrah. It finishes long and creamy in texture.”

91-93 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018

### Domaine de la Charbonnière ‘Cuvée du Domaine’ 2017 Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape



**£120 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving mid-2019

**92-94 Robert Parker**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck**

**15.5 Jancis Robinson**

“A prospective blend of the 2017 Chateauf-neuf du Pape looks like it could be the best version of this bottling to date, boasting aromas and flavors of cherries, fine leather, cola and spice. It’s full-bodied, rich and velvety, with a long finish. Very promising.”

92-94 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018

### Domaine de la Charbonnière Blanc 2017 Châteauf-neuf-du-Pape



**£115 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2019

**92 Robert Parker**

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94 James Suckling**

“A blend of 40% each Grenache Blanc and Roussanne with 20% Clairette, 20% of the 2017 Chateauf-neuf du Pape Blanc was fermented in new oak barriques. Given the intensity of the fruit, it’s barely noticeable this vintage, with tangerine, honey and anise flavors taking the lead. It’s medium to full-bodied, with a crisp, lime zest finish.”

92 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018



## Château de Beaucastel / Famille Perrin

*"Purchasing a wine from this family is about as close to a guarantee of authenticity and high quality as one can expect."*

**Robert Parker**

The Château de Beaucastel estate forms a single 100 hectare+ block right where the Mistral wind funnels into the corner of the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation. Unusually, there are large plantings of the Mourvèdre grape, shunned by many in Châteauneuf as being unsuitable for the appellation's climate, but increasingly coming into its own with global warming. All 13 permitted grape varieties are grown in fact, vinified separately and then blended to form three of the reference point wines of the Southern Rhône valley – the red and white Grands Vins, plus the separate Roussanne Vieilles Vignes bottling. Part of the estate, but falling on the 'wrong' side of the road that separates the Châteauneuf-du-Pape and Côtes-du-Rhône appellations is the vineyard where the fruit for the outstanding value Coudoulet is grown.



In recent decades the Perrin family have extended their holdings beyond the confines of the Château de Beaucastel estate itself, with wines from Gigondas a particular strength, although as Jeb Dunnuck notes; "in short, this is a brilliant portfolio across the board". I thought the quality of the non-Châteauneuf appellation wines this year especially impressive. Gigondas 'La Gille' and Vinsobres 'Les Cornuds' are out and out bargains, while Gigondas 'L'Argnée' and especially 'Clos des Tourelles' were astoundingly good, knocking spots off 90%+ of other producers' Châteauneufs.

**Domaine Perrin  
'Les Cornuds' 2017  
Vinsobres**



**£80 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving Late 2019

**92-94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**90-92 Robert Parker**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"Based on 50% Syrah and 50% Grenache, the 2017 Vinsobres Les Cornuds sports a deep ruby color as well as a gorgeous nose of cassis, blackberries, ground pepper and violets. The Syrah is dominating at the moment, and it hits the palate with beautiful purity of fruit, ripe tannin, and a great finish. It's one seriously good barrel sample."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018

**Domaine Perrin  
'La Gille' 2017  
Gigondas**



**£145 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving Late 2019

**92-94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92-94 Robert Parker**

**16+ Jancis Robinson**

"Ripe, rounded, and se\*y, with lots of classic spice, dried herbs, red fruits, and licorice, the 2017 Gigondas La Gille is medium to full-bodied, has beautiful density, and a ripe, rounded, layered textured. As with many of this domaine's 2017s, it's certainly in the same ballpark as the 2016 (which is saying something)."

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018

**Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2017  
Côtes-du-Rhône**



**£150 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2035  
Arriving Late 2019

**89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91-93 Robert Parker**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"Tasted as a representative sample that was blended from several foudres, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Coudoulet de Beaucastel looks to be another sensational example of this wine. Sourced just outside the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation, it's full-bodied yet silky and long, with standout aromas of lavender and crushed stone backed by layers of cherry and berry fruit. Let's hope the prices don't escalate too much given the vintage's low yields."

91-93 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com August 2018

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**Domaine Perrin  
'L'Argnée' 2017  
Gigondas**



**£175 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028+  
Arriving Late 2019

**95 Decanter**

**17++ Jancis Robinson**

A real star in the Perrin range, L'Argnée comes from a tiny (less than 1 hectare) parcel of pre-phyloxera, 100 year old vines. Yields are small at the best of times and especially so in 2017. The old vines make themselves known through the full, rich mid-palate weight. It's an elegant wine though and multi-faceted with a complex palate of red berries, spice and a touch of smoke.

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**Château de Beaucastel 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£240 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2035  
Arriving Late 2019

**95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95-97 Robert Parker**

**18 Jancis Robinson**

"A tremendous effort, might Beaucastel's 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape outshine even the 2016? I tasted a preliminary blend that Marc Perrin said represented 80% of the wine, and it showed ridiculous floral and fresh aromas of licorice, lavender and spice, all backed by tremendous fruit that went beyond black and red and into hints of exotic stone fruit. The final blend will likely contain more than 10% Counoise, the highest proportion ever utilized at the estate. It's rich and concentrated yet silky and lithe, with a fantastically long, elegant finish."  
95-97 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com August 2018

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**Château de Beaucastel 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£250 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Late 2019

**93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92-94 Robert Parker**

**94 Decanter**

"The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is another brilliant white from this team that hasn't put a foot wrong in the past decade or more. Buttered citrus, honeysuckle, flower oil, and white flowers all flow to this rich, beautifully layered, fresh and vibrant white that's impeccably balanced. Scheduled to be bottled shortly after my visit, it's unquestionably another great vintage for this wine."

93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018

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**Château de Beaucastel  
'Roussanne Vieilles Vignes'  
2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£270 per 3 IB**  
Drink to 2030  
Arriving Late 2019

**96-99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**97-99 Robert Parker**

**96 Decanter**

"Last of the whites, huge notes of buttered citrus, exotic flowers, pineapple, honeysuckle, and almond notes all emerge from the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Roussanne Vieilles Vignes, a rich, yet fresh, elegant, vibrant barrel sample that does everything right. You can't find a wine like this anywhere else in the world, and it's consistently one of the world's great white wines."

96-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018

## Domaine Roger Sabon

*"I continue to love the wines from Didier Négron at Roger Sabon, yet I always feel they're underappreciated in the market. While they can certainly be big, rich wines (especially the Secret des Sabon), these are always classic, elegant wines that have beautiful Provençal charm."*

*Jeb Dunnuck*

A long-established family domaine that has been estate bottling since 1921. The style remains traditional, with enough yielding to modern fashions to make the wines delicious in their youth as well as when at full maturity. Another yielding to modern fashion is to produce the supercuvée 'Le Secret des Sabon' – a wine which has been throttled back just a little in last few years to Jeb Dunnuck's chagrin, but to our delight – this is a tour de force of a red, but a very enjoyable one to drink too.

Given the opportunity to secure some final stocks from this estate's brilliant range of 2016s in addition to the 2017s, this offer is spread across the two vintages.



**Domaine Roger Sabon**  
**'Les Olivets' 2017**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£105 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028+  
Arriving mid-2019

**92-94 Robert Parker**

**89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

**16.5+ Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape les Olivets is 80% Grenache, plus 10% each Mourvèdre and Syrah. It spent a total of a month on skins, with "no pigéage," said winemaker Didier Négron. It's still rich and tannic, but it also displays gorgeous aromas of flowering garrigue and red berries. Raspberry and cherry flavors are joined by hints of tar and black olive in this full-bodied yet silky wine. It will need a bit of cellaring after release, but it should drink well for at least 15 years."

92-94 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018

**Domaine Roger Sabon**  
**'Les Olivets' 2016**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£120 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028+  
Arriving mid-2019

**92 Robert Parker**

**93 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91 Vinous**

"Made from 80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Cinsault, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Les Olivets is a winner in this great vintage. Blackcurrants, black olives, licorice, and peppery notes all flow to a ripe, se'y, opulent Châteauneuf-du-Pape that has terrific purity, ripe tannin, and a great finish. It's a no-brainer purchase."

93 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, August 2018

**Domaine Roger Sabon**  
**'Cuvée Réserve' 2016**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£140 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030+  
Arriving mid-2019

**95 Robert Parker**

**95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94 Vinous**

"The same blend as the Les Olivets (80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre), the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Réserve is similarly inky ruby/purple-colored and gives up a more dense, serious, backward style in its blackberry, melted licorice, roasted herb, and graphite aromas and flavors. With terrific minerality, full body, sweet tannin, and beautiful purity, it's a seriously good 2016 that's going to benefit from 2-3 years of bottle age and drink nicely for 10-15."

95 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, August 2018

**Domaine Roger Sabon**  
**'Cuvée Prestige' 2017**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£160 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2034+  
Arriving mid-2019

**96-98 Robert Parker**

**94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95 Decanter**

"Compelling stuff, even tasted next to the Le Secret, the 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Prestige is 70% Grenache and 20% Syrah, with a smattering of other varieties. Raspberry and garrigue notes lead the way, followed by a full-bodied wine that's incredibly rich and velvety in texture. There's the suggestion of chocolate fudge, but somehow it remains bright and balanced, framed by firm tannins."

96-98 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018

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**Domaine Roger Sabon  
'Le Secret des Sabon' 2016  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£540 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2035+  
Arriving mid-2019

**96+ Robert Parker**

**99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**95 Vinous**

"Unquestionably the deepest, richest wine in the lineup, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Le Secret des Sabon offers sensational notes of blackberries, cassis, crushed rocks, graphite, and bouquet garni. Full-bodied, ultra-fine, seamless, and pure, it has more elegance and purity than the 2010 and is reminiscent of the 2001. It's a gorgeous, extraordinary, layered, seamless Châteauneuf-du-Pape to drink over the coming two decades or more."  
99 Pts, Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, August 2018

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**Domaine Roger Sabon  
'Le Secret des Sabon' 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£575 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2035+  
Arriving mid-2019

**98-100 Robert Parker**

**94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**97 Decanter**

"Nearly all Grenache—the grapes come from two old-vine parcels on sandier soils that have some other varieties mixed in—the 2017 Chateaneuf du Pape le Secret de Sabon flirts with perfection. It's full-bodied and concentrated, yet it remains light on its feet, with ethereally silky tannins. Notes of rose petals and red cherries are crystalline in their purity and clarity, showing great intensity and length on the gently cocoa-tinged finish. This special wine should drink well for a couple of decades."  
98-100 Pts, Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com, August 2018

## Domaine Vincent Paris

*"An up and coming superstar of Cornas ... readers need to get on this young vigneron's bandwagon!"*  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

We are listing just one wine from Vincent Paris in 2017, but it is one that those of you looking for white bargains will not want to miss. By planting white grapes where they are, in his view, best suited, means that the Granit Blanc falls foul of the appellation laws, but it presents the buyer with the opportunity to secure a Condrieu-esque white for a song.



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**Domaine Vincent Paris  
'Granit Blanc' 2017  
Ardèche IGP**



**£70 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2020  
Arriving Late 2019

Grown within the Cornas appellation, but Cornas is not allowed to be white! Made using fruit planted in 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, obliging him 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.

## Clos des Papes

*"This is one of the great estates in Chateaufeuf du Pape, with a history that dates back to the mid-1700s."*  
**Robert Parker**

For such a big estate with such a big reputation it is surprising to learn that everything is done here by one man – Paul Avril, although he did admit to getting in a helper at harvest time!

Avril eschews the concept of Supercuvées, with just a single red and white wine produced, so the very best grapes go into the Grands Vins. The results are spectacularly good, age-worthy Châteaufeufs.

Avril's mother is from Burgundy, he studied there and he looks to emulate that region's finesse in his wines, something he succeeds in doing, despite the obvious fact that these are much bigger boned wines than anything found in the Côte d'Or.

Trying to produce a style he prefers, rather than chasing critical acclaim, he nonetheless gets it. Frankly, anyone with anything more than a fleeting acquaintance with Châteaufeuf-du-Pape can taste that this estate produces some of the appellation's very finest wines.



### Clos des Papes 2017 Châteaufeuf-du-Pape



**£336 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Autumn 2019

**96-99 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94-96 Robert Parker**

**18.5 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 Châteaufeuf-du-Pape looks to be a huge success and reminds me of the 2007. As is normal, Vincent keeps multiple foudres with different blends (as well as a foudre of the final blend), and it's always incredibly educational tasting through the different barrels. The final blend has a classic, sweet bouquet of kirsch, spices, and garrigue, and it's full-bodied, deep, and thrillingly concentrated on the palate. The blend is shifted more toward Mourvèdre due to the tiny quantity of Grenache in the vintage, which makes me think this cuvée might close down shortly after bottling, but it's upfront and incredibly expressive today."

96-99 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018

### Clos des Papes Blanc 2017 Châteaufeuf-du-Pape



**£255 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2033  
Arriving Autumn 2019

**94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93 Robert Parker**

**94-95 Vinous**

"Always a brilliant wine, the 2017 Châteaufeuf-du-Pape Blanc is the normal blend of all the permitted varieties, brought up in tank with malolactic fermentation blocked. This beauty offers classic apple blossom, crushed rock-like minerality, and ample citrus in a clean, crisp, yet also concentrated package. It will be better with short-term cellaring yet keep for two decades."

94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018



## Domaine Saint Préfert

***“Proprietress Isabel Ferrando has taken her Saint Préfert estate to France’s highest level, and she’s unquestionably making some of the most profound wines on earth today.”***  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

The ‘Queen of Châteauneuf’ (as referred to by James Molesworth) ruffled a few feathers when she arrived in the area in 2002 and started producing some brilliant wines at the historic but arguably underperforming Domaine Saint Préfert, which she converted to full biodynamics in 2013. 2016 is likely to be looked back upon as the year in which Isabel Ferrando’s qualitative transformation of this Domaine was fully complete, the estate now standing shoulder-to-shoulder with the appellation’s greatest producers.

Ferrando’s 2017s are more than worthy follow-ups to the 2016s, with an impressive set of scores across the range from Jeb Dunnuck, and some very positive words from RobertParker.com’s Joe Czerwinski, whose visit coincided with some late running fermentations, leaving him unable to score or review formally yet; “I did taste a fantastic Cinsault destined for the Auguste Favier, which showed incredible complexity and silkiness, and a demi-muid of Grenache boasting great tea and rose-like aromas, but given the late-running fermentations, I felt it was premature to rate or review any of the 2017 reds.”



**Domaine Saint Préfert  
‘Classique’ 2017  
Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£160 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving Late 2019

### **92-94 Jeb Dunnuck**

“I loved the 2017s from Ferrando, which all showed deep, rich, concentrated profiles not far off the 2016s. The 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape gives up loads of chocolaty dark fruits, earth, and spice to go with a full-bodied, concentrated, layered style on the palate. It was fermented with no destemming, yet the stems are beautifully integrated and this all comes together seamlessly.”

92-94 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018



## Michel Chapoutier

*“These wines are for true connoisseurs, as they are expensive and meant for long, long evolutions, but they capture the essence of a vintage and terroir as well as any wines in the world.”*  
**Robert Parker on Chapoutier’s Sélections Parcelles**

Producer portfolios rarely offer as much choice or as many critics’ points as the diverse range offered by one of the legends of the Rhône Valley. Michel Chapoutier is one of a kind – headstrong and often contrary, his bold opinions and decisions have helped move his family firm from one of the Northern Rhône’s finest producers, to one of the world’s. Obsessively biodynamic and a particular fan of granite soils, the quality of the obsessive winemaking shows throughout the large range, from the great value wines at the bottom of the price scale, through to some of the Rhône’s (and France’s) finest wines that form the ‘Sélections Parcelles’ range.

**Chapoutier**  
**‘Les Meysonniers’ 2017**  
**Crozes-Hermitage**



**£70 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2024  
Arriving mid-2019

**90-92 Robert Parker**

**89-91 Jeb Dunnuck**

“The promising 2017 Crozes Hermitage les Meysonniers delivers a panner of plush, juicy blueberries, balanced by just enough soft tannins to keep it savory and focused. Full-bodied and rounded in the mouth, it finishes silky and long. This looks to be a beauty to drink over the next 6-7 years.”

90-92 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

**Chapoutier**  
**‘Croix de Bois’ 2017**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£260 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028+  
Arriving Spring 2020

**94-96 Robert Parker**

**91 Decanter**

**94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

“Chapoutier’s 2017 Chateauneuf du Pape Croix de Bois is a dense, concentrated powerhouse. Plummy and ripe, it’s also rich and tannic, with less charm than the Barbe Rac but more muscle, then a long, licorice-tinged finish.”

94-96 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

**Chapoutier**  
**‘Les Meysonniers’ Blanc 2017**  
**Crozes-Hermitage**



**£85 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2020  
Arriving mid-2019

**90 Robert Parker**

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91 James Suckling**

“Forty percent of the 2017 Crozes Hermitage les Meysonniers Blanc aged in demi-muids, the rest in stainless steel. As a result, the wine hints at honeyed richness, offering tangerine notes, a medium to full-bodied palate and a long, harmonious finish. Plump, round and balanced, it’s a terrific effort to drink over the next 2 years.”

90 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

**Chapoutier**  
**‘Deschants’ Blanc 2017**  
**Saint-Joseph**



**£85 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2020  
Arriving mid-2019

**90 Robert Parker**

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

“The 2017 Saint-Joseph Deschants Blanc features aromas of toasted marshmallow and ripe melon. It’s medium to full-bodied, with a plump, round profile that’s reined in by crisp, zesty notes of grapefruit rind and brine. Given its combination of richness and freshness, it should drink well for at least a few years.”

90 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

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**Chapoutier  
'Chante-Alouette' 2017  
Hermitage**



**£230 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030  
Arriving mid-2019

**94 Robert Parker**

**94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92-93 James Suckling**

"The blended white Hermitage—the 2017 Hermitage Chante-Alouette—is a terrific wine this year, maybe the best I've ever tasted. Honeyed pear and citrus notes lead into a full-bodied, brassy-hued wine with a rich, velvety texture. It's lush, broad and mouthfilling, with a long, harmonious finish. While delicious now, expect it to close up within another year or two, only to reopen once it hits about age ten."

94 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

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**Chapoutier 'Le Méal'  
Blanc 2017  
Hermitage**



**£685 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2040  
Arriving Spring 2020

**98 Robert Parker**

**96 Decanter**

**96 Jeb Dunnuck**

"The 2017 Ermitage le Meal Blanc starts with refined notes of crushed stone and pencil shavings that move into a whirlwind of lush fruit, ranging from pineapple through melon and pear. It's rich, almost custardy in texture, yet it's backed by mineral notes of crushed stone and delivers awesome freshness on the long finish. It's an exhilarating ride. 508 cases produced."

98 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

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**Chapoutier 'De L'Orée'  
Blanc 2017  
Hermitage**



**£725 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2040+  
Arriving Spring 2020

**96 Robert Parker**

**99 Decanter**

**98 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Rich and opulent on the nose, with yellow peach and honeycomb. Very full bodied, with that immediate internal sweet ripeness of fruit that often marks out this cuvée. Good balancing acidity here, with real intensity of concentrated sappy fruits. Huge length, impressive power and a great mineral expression. It coats the mouth, and somehow stays fresh despite its richness. Old vine Marsanne (over 70 years old) grown on the pebbly, sand and clay soils of the lieu-dit Les Murets. 80% is matured in demi-muid for 11 months, 15% new oak, and the rest in stainless steel. 2017 is an exceptional year for de l'Orée."

99 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com April 2018

***“The quality at this tiny Hermitage-based estate continues to increase in almost every vintage. Run by the team at Chapoutier since the early 2000s, they release a large number of cuvees (mostly negociant), yet their estate releases are made in tiny quantities, are all extremely high quality, and continue to represent screaming values.”***

**Jeb Dunnuck**

He's a good chap, Michel Chapoutier. When family friends the Ferratons fell on hard times and started to sell-off parcels of land, in stepped Chapoutier with an injection of cash and just as importantly, winemaking talent. Ferraton Père et Fils has been kept as a separate entity rather than subsumed into the Chapoutier holdings, but what is arguably the best winemaking team in the Rhône applies its expertise to these wines just as they do to those featuring Chapoutier's own name.

The result today is a range of wines that like Chapoutier's performs right across the quality spectrum, but at prices that are scarcely believable given the out-and-out quality being produced here. As Jeb Dunnuck puts it: "The only drawback to these wines is that, by and large, they're made in tiny quantities".

**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Pichères' 2017  
Crozes-Hermitage**



**£75 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Late 2019

**88-90 Jeb Dunnuck**

**89-92 Robert Parker**

**15 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 Crozes Hermitage Lieu Dit Les Pichères is a richer, concentrated, chewy effort that has lots of black fruits, earth, and peppery herb aromas, medium-bodied, good density, and a slight rusticity to its tannins. I suspect it will be more charming and forward from bottle and should drink nicely for 4-6 years."

88-90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Les Eygats' 2017  
Cornas**



**£135 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Late 2019

**94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**89-91 Robert Parker**

"Crème de cassis, classic crushed rock minerality, ozone, and violet notes emerge from the 2017 Cornas Lieu Dit Les Eygats. Incredibly classic, pure, and focused, it's a much more chiseled, granite-influenced and cool-climate style effort that's going to benefit from 2-5 years of bottle age and keep for two decades. As with just about all the Syrahs from this estate, it was destemmed and is aging in 15% new oak."

94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Patou' 2017  
Cornas**



**£150 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Late 2019

**94-96+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**93-95 Robert Parker**

"There are two Cornas cuvées, both possessing incredible quality yet different styles. The 2017 Cornas Lieu Dit Patou comes from a warmer lieu-dit located in the southern part of Cornas and was completely destemmed and will spend 16 months in 15% new oak. Possessing a deep, rich, almost Bordeaux-like nose of blackberries, lead pencil shavings, chocolate, and graphite, this beauty hits the palate with full-bodied richness, serious levels of concentration, and ripe tannins, yet it stays pure, balanced, and layered, and is a brilliant wine in the making."

94-96+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

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**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Les Miaux' 2017  
Hermitage**



**£180 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Late 2019

**93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91-93 Robert Parker**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"Black currants, graphite, crushed rocks, saddle leather, and asphalt notes all emerge from the 2017 Hermitage Les Miaux, another medium to full-bodied, concentrated, layered effort. It has the forward, charming nature of the vintage front and center yet certainly doesn't lack for structure either."  
93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

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**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Montmain' 2017  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£195 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Late 2019

**94-96 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93-94 Robert Parker**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"As to the single Côte Rôtie, it comes from a site in the Côte Brune side of the appellation, just to the north of la Viallière. Notes of spices, crushed flowers, black raspberries, incense, and hints of gamey meats all emerge from the 2017 Côte Rôtie Lieu Dit Montmain, which is all destemmed Syrah brought mostly in neutral barrels. Possessing medium to full body, sweet tannins, and a great texture, it has the classic elegance paired with sexiness that's the hallmark of this magic appellation."  
94-96 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

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**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Le Méal' 2017  
Hermitage**



**£315 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030  
Arriving Spring 2020

**95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**93-95 Robert Parker**

**97 Decanter**

"In the same ballpark, the sensational looking 2017 Ermitage Le Méal offers a huge blast of sweet blackberry jam, black raspberries, new saddle leather, incense, and dried flowers. This is backed up by a deep, rich, full-bodied barrel sample that has sweet tannins, a layered, powerful mid-palate, terrific purity, and a great finish. The Le Méal release is always destemmed and the 2017 will spend 18 months in 40% new French oak."  
95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

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**Ferraton Père et Fils  
'Les Miaux' Blanc 2017  
Hermitage**



**£180 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Late 2019

**95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**92 Robert Parker**

**17.5 Jancis Robinson**

"All from the Dionnieres lieu-dit, the 2017 Hermitage Les Miaux Blanc is 100% Marsanne brought up in 80% demi-muids, with the balance in stainless steel. Its medium gold color is followed by a beautiful perfume of liquid rocks, flowers oil, tangerine, and citrus blossom. It has a certain exotic quality aromatically yet is classic Marsanne on the palate with medium to full body, bright acidity, plenty of fruit, and a clean, balanced finish."  
95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

## Domaine du Tunnel

*“Stéphane Robert continues to fashion some of the most impressive, concentrated and unctuously textured Syrahs in the northern Rhône... You can't wrong with this estate.”*  
*Jeb Dunnuck*

Although Stéphane Robert has a small shop front in the centre of Saint-Péray, to get to the cellars themselves you have to go up... and up.. and up! Following the route of a former narrow-gauge freight railway up the steep hills that rise dramatically from the river Rhône, when you reach the point at which the railway gave up on climbing the hill and instead went into it, today you find the cellar where Stéphane works his magic.

In addition to being one of the leading exponents in the revival of the once almost-extinct appellation of Saint-Péray, Stéphane produces a range of brilliant reds and whites, each showing a precision and purity that set them apart.

Since their introduction to our range three years ago, these wines have captured our customers' imaginations, with many re-orders – always a very good sign, as well as going down a storm at customer tastings.



### Domaine du Tunnel 2017 Saint-Joseph



£130 per 6 IB  
£171.59 per 6 DP  
Drink to 2027  
In stock now

### 90-92 Robert Parker

“The 2017 Saint Joseph is a blend from vineyards located in Glun, Mauves and Tournon. Tasted from barrel, it offers up hints of violets, licorice and black raspberries. Medium to full-bodied, it's ripe, concentrated and softly dusty on the finish.”  
90-92 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

### Domaine du Tunnel 2017 Cornas



£170 per 6 IB  
£219.59 per 6 DP  
Drink to 2027  
In stock now

### 91-94 Robert Parker

“Robert owns four hectares in Cornas, divided into many small parcels along the slope. My projection for his 2017 Cornas is based on tasting a few components from barrel, which expressed varying elements of crushed stone, Christmas spices, violets and cassis. Licorice, normally a sign of super ripe Syrah, is also in evidence. It should turn out to be a medium to full-bodied wine, with a rich, velvety texture and plenty of concentration.”  
91-94 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

### Domaine du Tunnel 'Pur Noir' 2017 Cornas



£440 per 6 IB  
£543.59 per 6 DP  
Drink to 2032  
In stock now

### 96-98 Robert Parker

“I tasted from a single barrel that Robert was confident would go into the 2017 Cornas Pur Noir (production of this cuvée is typically just a barrel or two). It shows an extra layer of depth relative to anything else in the cellar, with pristine aromas of crushed stones, violets and cassis as well. Full-bodied and breathtakingly powerful and intense, it's packed with silky tannins, plus hints of licorice and cracked pepper. Awesome juice.”  
96-98 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

## Domaine Yann Chave

***"I continue to love these wines from Yann Chave. Owning a small four acres in Hermitage (all in Beaume and Peleat) and just over 37 acres in Crozes Hermitage, most around the village of Mercuriol, he makes a rock-solid white and two reds from Crozes Hermitage (the le Rouvre being the top cuvee) and a small amount of Hermitage. They're all loaded with character and highly recommended."***

**Jeb Dunnuck**

An organic Domaine, based in Crozes-Hermitage and focussing on the production only of this appellation and neighbouring Hermitage itself, Yann Chave have been a mainstay of our Rhône range for several years now. Both the Crozes-Hermitage 'Le Rouvre' and the Hermitage use oak to good effect, but these are not overly heavy wines. That elegance that is necessary in the Northern Rhône is very much in evidence here, with trademark black pepper in abundance. In short, if you want to introduce a Rhône newcomer to the wines of Hermitage and Crozes, start with these well-made, textbook examples.



**Domaine Yann Chave  
'Le Rouvre' 2017  
Crozes-Hermitage**



**£195 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2025  
Arriving Late 2019

**91-94 Vinous**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"Bright purple. Expansive aromas of fresh black raspberry, cassis, olive, incense and violet, along with an exotic spicy topnote. Juicy and focused on the palate, displaying superb clarity to the sappy dark fruit preserve, floral pastille and spicecake flavors. Definitely powerful, yet there's real liveliness and even a somewhat light touch here as well. Finishes impressively long and sweet, delivering powerful mineral thrust, a cracked pepper flourish and mounting tannins. It wouldn't surprise me to see this 2017 turn out to be the most impressive rendition of this consistently outstanding bottling Chave has ever made."

91-94 Pts Josh Reynolds, Vinous.com June 2018

**Domaine Yann Chave 2017  
Hermitage**



**£285 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027  
Arriving Late 2019

**92 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94 Decanter**

**17.5 Jancis Robinson**

"From Yann's small 1.15ha holding in lieux-dits Les Beaumes and Péléal, this wine is rich, flowing, dense and ripe. It has muscular tannins with no rough edges, and very pure black berry fruit leading to a long, tapered finish. The oak use is measured, and while this might not promise unending complexity, it's very well balanced and is a relatively unforced, natural expression of Hermitage."

94 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com November 2018



## Stéphane Ogier

*"One of France's most brilliant small artisanal wineries is that of the Ogier family in Ampuis"*  
**Robert Parker**

Visiting this Domaine one gets the clear impression of a man, Stéphane Ogier, with a laser-like focus on the quality of his wine. His cellar is a treasure trove of different parcels separately vinified, some to be blended later, and others to be released alone. A recent meteoric surge in quality co-incided with a move into an impressive new winery just outside Ampuis. Now the likes of Jeb Dunnuck and Richard Hemming are shouting about the quality of Stéphane's wines from the hilltops (and this steeply banked area where the Rhône narrows is not short on hilltops)!



**Stéphane Ogier**  
**'Le Temps Est Venu' 2017**  
**Côtes-du-Rhône**



**£95 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2019

**92 Jeb Dunnuck**

"Leading off the reds and bottled in July, the 2017 Côtes du Rhône Le Temps est Venue offers a rounded, sexy, seamless style. Blackberries, black cherries, leafy herbs, some licorice, and pepper all flow to a rounded, se\*y wine that has gorgeous purity and finesse. Buy it."

92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com.com December 2018

**Stéphane Ogier**  
**'Syrah de Rosine' 2017**  
**Collines Rhodaniennes IGP**



**£150 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2023  
Arriving mid-2019

**90-92 Robert Parker**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck**

**16 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 IGP Collines Rhodaniennes La Rosine comes from a site on the southern edge of Côte Rôtie, so it should surprise no one when it tastes like a mini Côte Rôtie. Perfumed notes of blackberries, crushed flowers, raspberries, and plenty of minerality all flow from this medium-bodied, exceedingly elegant and silky Syrah. It's going to drink great right out of the gate."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com.com December 2018

**Stéphane Ogier**  
**'Le Passage' 2017**  
**Saint-Joseph**



**£190 per 12 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving mid-2019

**94 Decanter**

**16.5 Jancis Robinson**

"A blend of two sites, one in Limony, one in Malleval. They complement each other well: the Limony component is a very pure, lifted expression with piercing acidity, snappy tannins, elegance and freshness. The Malleval side is darker in fruit, riper in tannin but with great energy and focus. The result is an exceptional St-Joseph of real interest, intensity and freshness."

94 Pts Matt Walls, Decanter.com November 2018

**Stéphane Ogier**  
**'L'Âme Sœur' 2017**  
**Collines Rhodaniennes IGP**



**£150 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving mid-2019

**90-93 Robert Parker**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck**

"From vines in Seyssuel and a warmer terroir that's the first to be harvested, the 2017 IGP Collines Rhodaniennes L'Âme Sœur is a much more masculine expression of Syrah compared to the La Rosine. It offers terrific purity and depth of fruit as well as lots of ripe red and black fruits, leafy herbs, pepper, and minerality. It's fine, elegant, and balanced on the palate, and certainly has plenty of potential."

90-92 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com.com December 2018

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**Stéphane Ogier**  
**'Viognier de Rosine' 2017**  
**Collines Rhodaniennes IGP**



**£145 per 12 IB**  
**£205.18 per 12 DP**  
Drink to 2020  
In stock now

### 91 Jeb Dunnuck

"The brilliant Stéphane Ogier makes a number of terrific whites, and you don't have to spend a lot of money or cherry pick his wines to get them. For example, the 2017 IGP Collines Rhodaniennes La Rosine Blanc offers beautiful white peach, citrus and tangerine notes as well as an elegant, medium-bodied, thrilling style. It tastes like a great Condrieu at a fraction of the price."

91 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com.com December 2018

## Domaine Courbis

***"An estate that readers need to have on their radar is that of Brothers Laurent and Dominique Courbis, in the village of Châteaubourg. The entire lineup is a treasure trove of quality wines, which can generally be found at reasonable prices."***  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

Searching for a new Cornas Domaine to add to our range, where better to look than one of the appellation's best estates, both for out and out quality and for value.

This is the land of steep vineyards and rustic wines and it is those producers that can retain Cornas's signature beefiness while adding an element of charm that stand out. Courbis do this wonderfully and in 2017 the pick of the range was the more lightly-oaked 'Champelrose'.



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**Domaine Courbis**  
**'Champelrose' 2017**  
**Cornas**



**£130 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2028  
Arriving Late 2019

**93-95 Robert Parker**

**92-94 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94 Decanter**

"This year, I preferred the Champelrose (which sees less new oak) to the les Eygats. The 2017 Cornas Champelrose is herbal and complex, with suggestions of orange zest and licorice accenting plummy fruit. Full-bodied, rich and concentrated, it's supple, dense and powerful, with a long finish."

93-95 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com December 2018

# Yves Cuilleron

*“Cuilleron continues to produce brilliant wines, particularly his dry whites, although his reds get better with each vintage.”*  
**Robert Parker**

2017 wasn't a vintage where everyone succeeded with their whites, instead it was a year of a small handful of producers that stood head and shoulders above the rest in terms of quality. Yves Cuilleron's 2017 whites were so good, we simply had to have them in our range and so it is that they make their debut in this vintage. Clean, precise, focussed and full of flavour, if you don't adore these wines, you simply don't like Rhône whites!



## Yves Cuilleron 'Cavans' 2017 Saint-Joseph



**£90 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2026  
Arriving Late 2019

One of the most head-turning Saint-Joseph 2017s of our tastings, this is packed full of red and black berries, wrapped up in sturdy tannins that suggest it would stand up well to a few years in the cellar.

## Yves Cuilleron 'Lyseras' 2017 Saint-Joseph



**£75 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2022  
Arriving Late 2019

Despite showcasing a broad, rich palate of assertive, almost bordering on exotic fruit, the Lyseras stay fresh and focussed, even showing a mineral edge. Impressive complexity.

## Yves Cuilleron 'La Petite Côte' 2017 Condrieu



**£140 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2021  
Arriving Late 2019

The standout Condrieu of 2017? Cuilleron's 'Petite Côte 2017' manages to pull off the tricky feat of combining expressive, explosive fruit with a freshness that cleanses the palate rather than overwhelms it. A very welcome new addition to our range.

## Domaine René Rostaing

*"There are few people doing Côte Rôtie better than this guy."  
Jeb Dunnuck*

There are three key things to know about the wines of Domaine René Rostaing. The first is that only a very small proportion of new oak is used, allowing the purity of the fruit to shine through. Secondly, high proportions of whole bunch fermentation are used, giving structure to the wines and making them 'vins de garde' rather than ones to drink immediately upon release. Finally and most importantly, they are truly excellent, with René's son Pierre crafting to perfection the fruit of some of Côte-Rôtie's most enviable vineyard holdings. This is not a Domaine at which to seek bargains, but when the quality is compared with others both within the appellation and more widely in France, the prices are more than justifiable.



**Domaine Rostaing  
'Ampodium' 2017  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£245 per 6 IB**  
**£490 per 6 x150cl IB**  
Drink to 2027+  
Arriving Late 2019

**91-94 Robert Parker**

**90-92 Jeb Dunnuck**

"The 2017 Cote Rotie Ampodium shows an extra level of concentration when compared to the 2016, without sacrificing the gorgeous aromas of violets, raspberries and tea leaves. It's medium to full-bodied, finishing silky and long."  
91-94 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

**Domaine Rostaing  
'La Landonne' 2017  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£495 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2035+  
Arriving Late 2019

**94-96 Robert Parker**

**95-97+ Jeb Dunnuck**

**96 Decanter**

"A bigger, richer, more brooding wine, the 2017 Côte Rôtie La Landonne boasts stunning (and classic La Landonne) aromas and flavors of black fruits, smoked meat, and scorched earth. Full-bodied, beautifully concentrated, and structured, this is one of the few 2017s that's going to really demand cellaring."  
95-97+ Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

**Domaine Rostaing  
'Côte Blonde' 2017  
Côte-Rôtie**



**£550 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2035+  
Arriving Late 2019

**95-97 Robert Parker**

**95-97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**97 Decanter**

"The 2017 Côte Rôtie Côte Blonde is more finesse-driven, with tons of sexy fruit, medium to full body, and a huge, heady perfume of blackberry and black raspberry fruits, spring flowers, and a hint of minerality. This seamless, ultra-pure Côte Rôtie is going to keep for 2+ decades."  
95-97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com December 2018

**Domaine Rostaing  
'La Bonnette' 2017  
Condrieu**



**£240 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2021  
Arriving Late 2019

**92 Robert Parker**

**92 Jeb Dunnuck**

**17 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 Condrieu la Bonnette is low in acidity and positively demands near-term drinking, but it's a gorgeous wine nonetheless, with floral and apricot aromas and flavors that broaden out into a mouth-filling palate and lengthy finish. It's a rich, decadent wine to knock back over the next couple of years."  
92 Pts Joe Czerwinski, RobertParker.com October 2018

## Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe

*"This venerable estate, long run by the Brunier family, is a consistent source for fabulous wines."*  
**Robert Parker**

Tasted from barrel, Vieux Télégraphe's 2016 Grand Vin 'La Crau' was a little introverted, although we had a strong suspicion that given time it would open up to become a very good wine. In a year of so many brilliant Châteauneuf options, we left it aside. Re-tasted from bottle a year on and any doubts are blown out of the water. This is a truly spectacular wine and so we just had to snap up some of the few remaining cases while we could.

As for the 2017 white, this is arguably the white of the vintage in the Southern Rhône – on another plane from most, rivalled only by Beaucastel and Clos des Papes.

**Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe**  
**'La Crau' 2016**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£245 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2030+  
Arriving mid-2019

**98 James Suckling**

**96-98 Jeb Dunnuck**

**96 Robert Parker**

"Moving to the grand vin, the 2016 Châteauneuf-du-Pape is backward and dense, with a huge mid-palate, notes of framboise, black cherries, roasted herbs, nori, and spice, a thick, opulent texture, and yet no sense of weight or heaviness. With ripe, polished tannin and a blockbuster finish, it might just be the greatest wine from this estate to date."  
96-98 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com October 2017

**Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe**  
**Blanc 2017**  
**Châteauneuf-du-Pape**



**£210 per 6 IB**  
Drink to 2027+  
Arriving mid-2019

**96 James Suckling**

**93-95 Jeb Dunnuck**

**94-95 Vinous**

"Brought up all in wood, one-third in foudre and the rest in demi-muid and barrels, the 2017 Châteauneuf-du-Pape Blanc is mostly Clairette with the balance Grenache Blanc, Roussanne, and Bourboulenc. It offers lots of lemon and melon fruits, white flowers, toasted brioche, and honeysuckle aromas, medium to full body, beautiful purity of fruit, moderate acidity, and a layered, rich, textured style. It's going to flesh out beautifully with time in the cellar and keep for two decades."  
93-95 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com August 2018



*"This is a huge lineup, yet the theme across the entire range is incredible quality"*  
**Jeb Dunnuck**

What can be said about Guigal that hasn't been said already? Despite a large production, the focus on quality is truly impressive, with the winemaking team always winning out over the accountants if a parcel ought to be rejected for quality reasons, despite the many thirsty clients around the world that need satisfying. At the top end of the Guigal tree when it comes to whites are the Saint Joseph lieu-dit and Condrieu supercuvée 'La Doriane' and it is these we feature along with the excellent value Crozes-Hermitage 2016 and the stupendous value Côtes-du-Rhône Blanc 2017.



**Guigal 2017  
 Côtes-du-Rhône**



**£40 per 6 IB**  
 Drink to 2020  
 Arriving mid-2019

**89 Robert Parker**

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

**15 Jancis Robinson**

"The 2017 Côtes du Rhône Blanc has lots of Grenache Blanc as well as other permitted varieties. Notes of white flowers, citrus, and honeysuckle all emerge from this medium-bodied, vibrant white that has good acidity and a clean finish. As usual, it over-delivers."

90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) December 2018

**Guigal 2016  
 Crozes-Hermitage**



**£80 per 6 IB**  
**£112.07 per 6 DP**  
 Drink to 2021  
 In stock now

**91 James Suckling**

**90 Jeb Dunnuck**

**91 Vinous**

"I loved the 2016 Crozes-Hermitage Blanc, which is largely Marsanne with 10% Roussanne. This medium-bodied, elegant, lively effort has classic notes of tangerine, buttered citrus and honeysuckle. With good acidity and freshness, it's impeccably made and will keep for 2-3 years."

90 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) January 2018

**Guigal 'Lieu-Dit' 2017  
 Saint-Joseph**



**£145 per 6 IB**  
 Drink to 2023  
 Arriving mid-2019

**93 Robert Parker**

**93 Jeb Dunnuck**

**16+ Jancis Robinson**

"While Marcel Guigal says he loves to stick his Ex Voto white Hermitage in blind Burgundy tastings, you might also try that with this beauty. The 2017 Saint-Joseph Lieu-Dit Saint-Joseph Blanc is all barrel fermented (half in new and half in second use oak) and offers aromas of toasted almonds and hazelnuts. It has a broad, generous mouthfeel and ripe melon and pear flavors. Despite the richness and silky texture, it remains fresh and focused on the lengthy finish."

93 Pts Joe Czerwinski, [RobertParker.com](http://RobertParker.com) October 2018

**Guigal 'La Doriane' 2017  
 Condrieu**



**£295 per 6 IB**  
 Drink to 2023+  
 Arriving mid-2019

**96 Robert Parker**

**97 Jeb Dunnuck**

**96 James Suckling**

"Bottled at the end of June and brought up in new barrels, the blockbuster 2017 Condrieu La Doriane is up there with the crème de la crème, and just might be the wine of the vintage in the region. Stunning notes of buttered peach, crème brûlée, white flowers, and honeysuckle all literally soar from the glass. Deep, rich, medium to full-bodied and powerful, like the base cuvée, it stays incredibly pure and elegant. Drink bottles over the coming 4-5 years. Don't miss it."

97 Pts Jeb Dunnuck, [JebDunnuck.com](http://JebDunnuck.com) December 2018



## Mixed Cases

### Rhône 2017 Value Reds Mix

**£110 per 12 IB**  
Arriving Late 2019

Contains three bottles each of:

Domaine Martin, Plan de Dieu  
Domaine Montirius 'Le Village', Vacqueyras  
Famille Perrin 'Les Cornuds', Vinsobres  
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Pichères', Crozes-Hermitage



### Rhône 2017 Northern Reds Mix

**£240 per 12 IB**  
Arriving Late 2019

Contains three bottles each of:

Chapoutier 'Les Meysonniers', Crozes-Hermitage  
Domaine Yann Chave 'Le Rouvre', Crozes-Hermitage  
Domaine Courbis 'Champelrose', Cornas  
Ferraton Père et Fils 'Les Miaux', Hermitage



### Châteauneuf-du-Pape 2017 Reds Mix

**£250 per 12 IB**  
Arriving Late 2019

Contains three bottles each of:

Domaine Roger Sabon 'Les Olivets', Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Domaine Roger Sabon 'Cuvée Prestige', Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Château Sixtine, Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Domaine de la Charbonnière 'Cuvée du Domaine', CNDP



### Rhône 2017 Whites Mix

**£215 per 12 IB**  
Arriving Late 2019

Contains three bottles each of:

Yves Cuilleron 'La Petite Côte', Condrieu  
Domaine de la Charbonnière' Blanc, Châteauneuf-du-Pape  
Chapoutier 'Les Meysonniers' Blanc, Crozes-Hermitage  
Chapoutier 'Deschants' Blanc, Saint-Joseph



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