

- SYRAH -

The King of the Northern Rhône

Côte Rotie

- 323 Hec

This is one of the most stunning vineyard sites you will ever see. The hillsides were terraced by the Romans 100BC and rise nearly 1000ft, with a gradient as steep as 55 degrees in places. If you like Burgundy you will almost certainly love Côte Rotie, the wines have a weight, texture and elegance that set them apart from those to the south.

Saint-Joseph

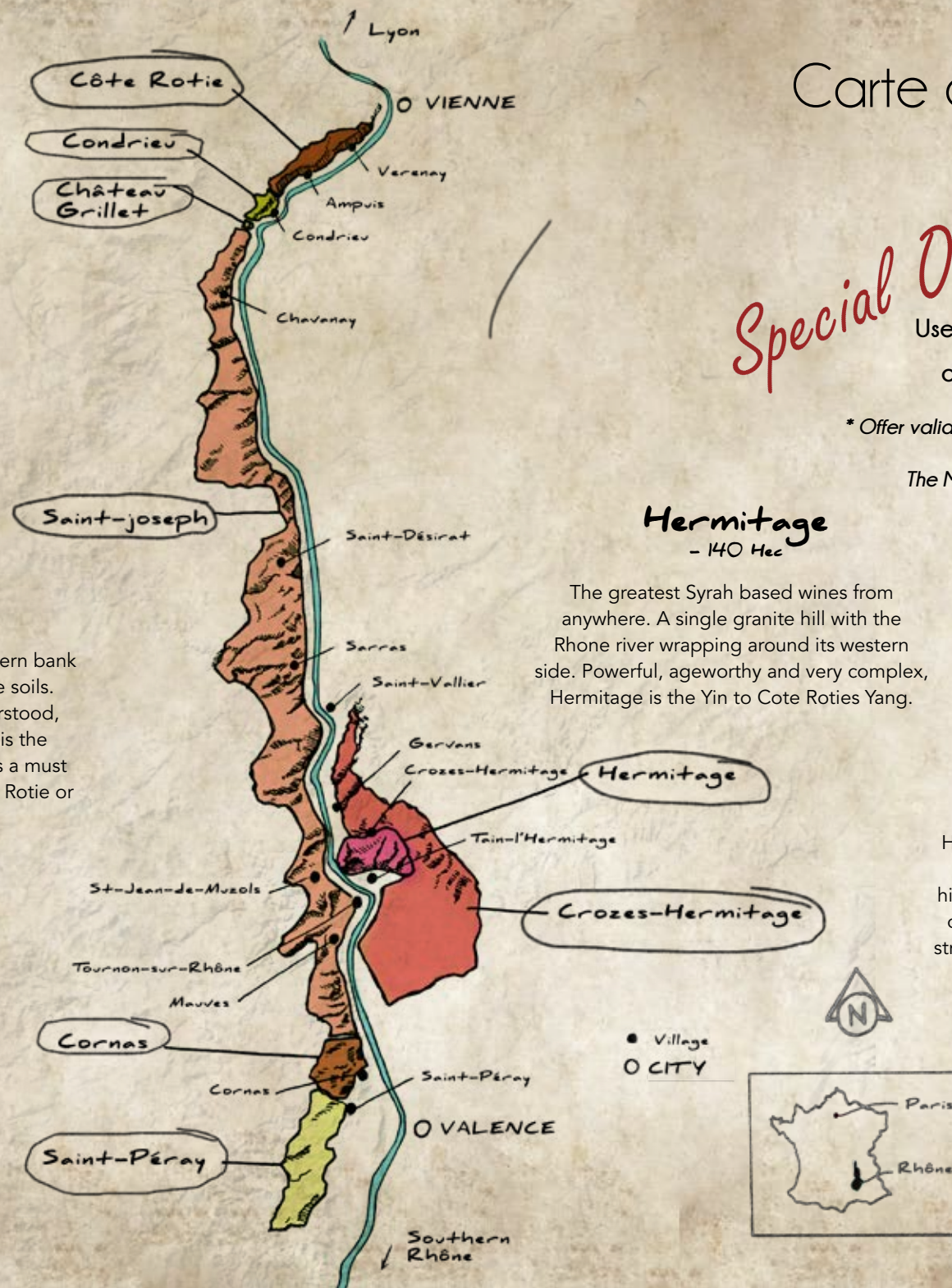
- 1348 Hec

Stretching almost 70km down the western bank of the Rhone with a variety of granite soils. For many years this was the misunderstood, underperforming appellation. Such is the quality now though that a St Joseph is a must if the budget doesn't stretch to a Côte Rotie or Hermitage.

Cornas

- 156 Hec

For many years Cornas were considered rustic country wines. Today it's a cult wine, the drink of choice for New York hipsters. These wines aren't shy, the steep, amphitheatre-like slope roasts the grapes, creating brutal magic.



Carte du Rhône-Nord Les Crus

Special Offer

Use code **SYRAH10** online at checkout to get **10% off**

* Offer valid until 25th June 2022 or while stock last

* Excludes: The Drinkers &

The Medium Term Cellar 6 bottle packs

* Minimum order 6 bottles

Hermitage

- 140 Hec

The greatest Syrah based wines from anywhere. A single granite hill with the Rhone river wrapping around its western side. Powerful, ageworthy and very complex, Hermitage is the Yin to Côte Rotie's Yang.

Crozes Hermitage

- 1778 Hec

Hermitage's little brother, the vineyards on the lands surrounding the famous hill, but with a much more diverse range of terroirs. More forward and with less structure, if you want to know what Syrah tastes like grab a bottle of Crozes.

The Secrets of Syrah

Worldwide there are more than 186 000 hectares of Syrah planted, the biggest share is in France (69000ha). In France, the majority is found in the south, but the traditional home and region that the whole world looks to as the benchmark is the Northern Rhone.

FRUIT PROFILE



blackberry



blueberry



boysenberry



olive

OTHER FLAVOURS



pepper



clove



vanilla



mint



licorice



chocolate



allspice



rosemary



tobacco & smoke



bacon fat

OAK

Usually medium to high usage, often using bigger barrels which have less influence on flavour but more on texture

ACIDITY & TANNIN



ACIDITY - medium-full



TANNIN - medium-full

AGEABILITY



5-9 years for most

12-25 years for the best

FOOD MATCH

Perfect with bold flavours – charcoal grilled meats and wash rind cheeses. Also particularly suited to the flavours of Provence – spice and herbs

Wine Packs



The Drinkers 6 bottle pack

\$195

Bastide Syrah VV 2020
Vignerons d'Estezargues Côtes du Rhone Villages 2019
Gerin Syrah 2020
Michelas St Jemms Crozes-Hermitage 2020
Treloar Côtes du Roussillon 2017
JL Chave Selection St Joseph 2019

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The Medium Term Cellar 6 bottle pack

\$430

Bila Haut Roussillon Villages "Esquerda" 2018
Ch Negly Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape "La Falaise" 2019
Yann Chave Crozes-Hermitage "Le Rouvre" 2019
Michelas St Jemms Cornas 2018
Gerin Côte-Rotie "Champin Le Seigneur" 2019
JL Chave Selection Hermitage 2018

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Northern Rhone (A) Light/Medium



Oak is expensive, so many entry level Northern Rhone see little, if any, oak. This means the exuberant fruit flavours are to the fore, making them great everyday wines, with or without food. It also means they are most peoples first introduction to the Northern Rhone.

Belle
Crozes-Hermitage Pierrelles 2020
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Clusel-Roch
Serine 2020
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Gerin
Syrah La Champine 2020
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Gilles Robin
Crozes-Hermitage Papillon 2020
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JL Chave Selection
Crozes-Hermitage Silene 2020
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JL Chave Selection
St Joseph Offerus 2019
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"A sleek, ready-to-drink Crozes, the 2020 Crozes Hermitage Signature combines hints of cherries and blackberries with peppery spice and hints of dusty earth."
90/100 RP Wine Advocate

Michelas St Jemms
Crozes-Hermitage Signature 2020
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"Juicy and mouthfilling, with lots of delicious blackberry, fig and black cherry pate de fruit notes, enlivened by anise and violet flavors, then carried by a sleek iron-accented finish."
93/100 Wine Spectator

Yann Chave
Crozes-Hermitage 2020
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Belle

Despite a long history of grape growing dating back to the 1600's, Domaine Belle was only truly established in 1990 by Phillippe Belle and his father Albert. Since Albert's retirement in 2003, the estate have converted to organics and established vineyards over six communes. They're a rising star.



Gilles Robin

In 1996 at the tender age of 24, Gilles Robin took over the family estate from his father. With vines in "Le Chassis", the best part of Crozes Hermitage, he was the young gun everyone wanted. Today without doubt, he is one of the most reliable names in the Rhone.



Clusel-Roch

A family of farmers, Gilbert and Brigitte Clusel have worked the Cote Rotie slope with very little fanfare and known only to an inside few. Today it is young gun Guillaume Clusel, alongside his parents, who is raising the bar. A domaine to watch, the critics are giving rave reviews.



Northern Rhone (B) Medium



rich & savoury

Most Syrah falls within this category where the flavours start pushing into the riper spectrum. Not sweet, like new world syrah, but with savoury herby flavours. Morish stuff.

Colombier

\$69.00

Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee Gaby 2018

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"From the estate's oldest vines, the 2018 Crozes Hermitage Cuvee Gaby is full-bodied, silky and rich, with bold flavors of peppered cherries, a velvety-textured finish and ample length. It should be a beauty."

92-94/100 RP Wine Advocate

De Boel-France

\$67.00

St Joseph Poulies 2019

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Equis

\$64.00

Crozes-Hermitage Domaine Des 'Lises' 2020

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Equis

\$70.00

St Joseph 2019

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Yann Chave

\$70.00

Crozes-Hermitage "Le Rouvre" 2019

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"Highly perfumed aromas of fresh cherry and dark berries, candies flowers, exotic spices and incense. Finishes on a resonating floral note, displaying formidable tenacity, intertwined tannins and strongly persistent spiciness." 93-95/100 Vinous

Gerin

\$66.00

St Joseph 2020

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Gilles Robin

\$50.00

Crozes-Hermitage Alberic Bouvet 2019

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Michelas St Jemms

\$88.00

Cornas Murettes 2018

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Colombier

Like many in the Northern Rhone, growing grapes for the Viale family was part of a larger stonefruit operation. The grapes were on sold to the negociant Guigal. That all changed in 1991, when one son, 6'4" Florent, decided to make the wines himself. These are wines of great precision and purity, the essence of Syrah.

Equis

While Maxime Graillot's father, Alain Graillot, almost single handedly reinvented Crozes Hermitage, Maxime is on his way to perfecting it. His skilled winemaking balances powerful fruit with the meatiness the Northern Rhone is renowned for. A true icon. Sadly, Alain Graillot passed away in March 2022.

De Boel France

A passion for food, wine, and everything that comes with it, Rhone newcomers Nelly and Arnaud are bringing enthusiasm and vibrancy to the region. A tiny operation, Nelly has previously worked for Henri Bourgeois both in NZ and Sancerre before a stint at Chapoutier. We love her wines.



Northern Rhone (C) Full Bodied



*mouthfilling fruit & structure
but still approachable*

Old vines give more intensity, greater density, bigger tannins and great length. This style made the Northern Rhone famous. Although they definitely get better with a little more bottle age, these are still very drinkable if decanted.

Belle

Crozes-Hermitage Roche Pierre 2018

"From old vines on granitic soils, Belle's 2018 Crozes Hermitage Roche Pierre is easily the equal of many Hermitages. Inky in color, marked by scents of crushed stone, licorice, dark berries and black olives, it's full-bodied on the palate and a marvelous Crozes from a top vintage." 95/100 RP Wine Advocate

\$115.00

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Clusel-Roch

Cote-Rotie Schistes 2019

\$130.00

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Equis

Cornas 2018

\$115.00

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Gerin

Cote-Rotie "Champin Le Seigneur" 2019

\$120.00

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JL Chave Selection

Hermitage 'Farconnet' 2018

\$110.00

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Balthazar

Cornas Casimir Balthazar 2019

Vibrant black/blue fruit, floral and spice qualities on the floral nose; a suggestion of olive arrives with air. Juicy and energetic on the palate, offering a sappy cassis, cherry and blueberry flavours and a spicy touch of black pepper." 92-94/100 Vinous

\$110.00

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Gaillard

St Joseph les Pierres 2019

\$85.00

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Gilles Robin

Crozes-Hermitage Cuvee 1920 2019

\$105.00

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JL Chave Selection

Jean Louis Chave is not just one of the greatest names in the Rhone but in the entire wine world, his Domaine Hermitage both white and red being benchmarks. He also runs a small, very exclusive negociant business, JL Chave Selections, in which he practises the same fanatical care and attention to detail as with his domaine wines. At very reasonable prices these are sensational buying.

Michelas St Jemms

With the re-establishment of the Hermitage hill in the 1950's and 60's, Robert and Yvette Michelas St Jemms found themselves the proud owners of some of the finest plots in the Rhone. It has now passed on to their four children, who manage the estate to excellence.

Gerin

Jean-Michel Gerin, former head of the Cote Rotie growers association and mayor of Ampuis, is the 6th generation to produce wine here. Now with his sons taking over, and the list of great terroirs they have, the future of one of Cote Roties best looks assured.



Northern Rhone (D) For the Cellar



Classic power & structure, better
with more time

Belle
Hermitage 2018

\$185.00

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Chapoutier
Cote-Rotie Neve 2017
"This is tightly focused, with a well-delineated core of cassis, damson plum and bitter cherry fruit that has an almost piercing feel, backed by sleek iron, savory and bay leaf accents."
97/100 Wine Spectator

\$290.00

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Chapoutier
Ermitage l'Ermite 2017
100/100 RP Wine Advocate 97/100 Wine Spectator

\$630.00

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Chapoutier
Ermitage Pavillon 2018
96-98/100 RP Wine Advocate 96-98/100 Vinous

\$600.00

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Colombier
Hermitage 2019

\$145.00

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Gerin
Cote-Rotie "La Vialliere" 2019
"Fine grained tannins build slowly on a strikingly long finish that leaves behind notes of candied dark fruit, cracked pepper and exotic spices." 94-96/100 Vinous

\$170.00

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Yann Chave
Hermitage 2020

\$220.00

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The great Syrahs of the Northern Rhone have a structure, intensity and power that demands ageing for them to achieve their best. It can take eight to ten years before the tannic structure starts to ameliorate. They gain in complexity and depth, the best you can keep for 20+ years, and ranging in style from the brutal animal Cornas, through the massive regal Hermitage to the ephemeral, nuanced Cote Rotie.

Chapoutier

The Chapoutier family have been involved in the Northern Rhone wine industry since 1808, but it was the dynamic, larger than life Michel Chapoutier who took over in 1990 and made it the great domaine it is today. His guidance saw the conversion to biodynamics, the development of special Hermitage bottlings, and a massive international expansion. Truly great wines.



Yann Chave

Trained in IT, an officer in the army, Yann Chave eventually made his way back to the family vineyard, something his parents had always planned on. The modernisation he has brought along with a return to organic has seen a remarkable turn around in quality. These are wines that Kiwis will love.



(E) Other Regions

Through the south of France, in the Rhone and the Languedoc-Roussillon, Syrah has become a natural partner for the widely planted Grenache normally playing second fiddle in the blend. However, more and more growers are moving to much higher or even 100% Syrah. The warm climate, granite and schist terroirs, make for exciting wines.

Bastide

IGP AUDE HAUTE RIVE Syrah "Vieilles Vignes" 2020

\$22.00

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Bila-Haut

Roussillon Villages "Esquerda" 2018

A syrah/Grenache blend. "Crushed stone accents give this full-bodied red a sense of austerity, while the blueberry and cherry fruit is bold and muscular, yielding to a long, mouthwatering finish."
90-93/100 RP Wine Advocate

\$44.00

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Château Fortia

Chateauneuf du Pape Reserve 2017

\$115.00

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Château Lascaux

Pic St Loup Carra 2019

\$36.00

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Château Negly

Coteaux du Languedoc La Clape "La Falaise" 2019

"Complex, harmonious and fresh. This sleek and focused red shows a pure beam of wild currant and brambly fruit flanked with garrigue, Earl Grey tea, anise and graphite notes all bound by svelte tannins." 91/100 Wine Spectator 90/100 Decanter

\$55.00

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Château la Nerthe

Cassagne de la Nerthe **Côtes du Rhone Villages** 2020

\$45.00

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Vignerons d'Estezargues

Côtes du Rhone Villages Sy 2019

Unusual Southern Rhone in that it is 100% Syrah. Biodynamic, organic with very low sulphur, a very juicy mouthfilling style.

\$35.00

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Treloar

Côtes du Roussillon Three Peaks 2017

\$31.00

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Enjoy your Syrah

with a match made in heaven

Bleu d'Auvergne

Aged for minimum 4 weeks, this cheese showcases its assertive flavours and smooth texture. With age it gets more spicy, peppery, and salty. The strong aroma and full flavoured characteristics of the cheese are at its optimum when served with strong, robust red wines.

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St Marcellin - 80g

A decadent cheese from cow's milk. It has a light, subtle acidic taste and gives off a vegetable and nutty aroma. It has a sweet, thick paste that softens and become more flavourful when mature. Presented in a beautiful ceramic pot.

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