



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Château d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.



Condrieu La Doriane 2019

Condrieu, France

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

WINE

While only 2-3% of the Rhône's production is white wine, a full 25% of Guigal's production is Vin Blanc, so it should come as no surprise that they are leaders in the Condrieu AOC. Located on steep hillsides just south of the vineyards of Côte Rôtie, Condrieu is the ancestral home of the viognier grape, and in fact that is the only variety permitted in the AOC. The Guigals first made La Doriane in 1994, selecting grapes from two exceptional parcels. Since then, they have added two more vineyards, and the cuvée now includes grapes from four legendary Lieu-Dits: Côte Chatillon, Colombier, Château Volan, and Côteau de Chery. Despite its vinification in 100% new oak barrels, La Doriane is fresh, mineraly, and explosively aromatic – as exceptional for its appellation as their estate Côte Rôties are for theirs.

VINEYARD

Soils: Very steep, terraced vineyards, with soils composed of shale, limestone, and various granite formations
Yields: Viognier is a difficult vine, with stubbornly low yields. The La Doriane vineyards produce between 1.5 to 2 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: Viognier 100%
Fermentation: Barrel fermentation in 100% new estate barrels. 100% malolactic.
Aging: 12 months in barrel
Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2019 looks to be a nearly perfect vintage in the Northern Rhône. Following a cool spring, flowering was normal, setting a normal crop – a relief after two short harvests. Hail impacted Crozes Hermitage, but vineyards further north were not impacted. July was the hottest on record in the Rhône, but August brought some welcome rain leading into a warm and even September with perfect harvest conditions. Guigal harvested their Condrieu vineyards between September 10th and 20th, bringing in concentrated fruit with excellent acidity – better balance than even the excellent 2018.

JEB DUNNUCK

"The 2019 Condrieu La Doriane is another tremendous effort from this estate that does everything right. Reminding me slightly of the 2015 with its power and richness, it still has plenty of freshness in its apricot, ripe pineapple, honeyed marmalade, flowers, and cream aromas and flavors. Already complex and full-bodied, with good acidity and a fabulous finish, this is a quintessential expression of this cuvée and it's hard to imagine how it would be any better." - JEB DUNNUCK, 11,2020

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