



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.



Côtes du Rhône Rosé 2022

Rhône Valley, France

ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding their story becomes. 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

The Guigal family has made serious dry rosé wines since the 1940s, and their Côtes du Rhône Rosé, like all their Côtes du Rhône wines, is humble in name only. The wine bursts with irresistible fresh red fruits and yet is also serious and satisfying. While this Rosé is always a lovely aperitif, its intensity and richness make it perfect for the table, and it pairs well with all manner of cuisines. And starting with the 2020 vintage, the wine has a stunning new proprietary bottle: a subtle enhancement for an already elegant wine!

VINEYARD

Soils: Sedimentary, limestone and granite soils, with many pebbles and alluvial deposits.

Yields: Average of 2.1 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 70% Grenache, 20% Cinsault, 10% Syrah

Fermentation: The wine is handled in the same way as their far more limited Tavel rosé, which hails from the single top appellation in France for rosé. The key is a brief and perfectly timed maceration followed by a long, cool fermentation. These methods bring out the inherent quality in the grapes, emphasizing arrays of fruits, minerals and even spice notes. The warmth of the Southern Rhône climate always gives this wine an extra element of richness and fleshiness, balanced by its ripe acidity.

Aging: In stainless steel vats

Alcohol: 14.5%

VINTAGE

2022 is yet another excellent vintage throughout the Rhône Valley, despite extremes of weather. After an unusually wet fall in 2021, winter was marked by drought and higher than normal temperatures. Bud-break was again early, about three weeks ahead of normal. The dry weather continued through flowering, and yields were down due to an even but light fruit-set. Summer was hotter than normal, with dry conditions finally alleviated by mid-August rains, leading to an early harvest -- particularly for Whites and Rosés. However, the grapes were ripe and concentrated with superb natural acidity. The superb raw materials of this vintage have produced wines with great richness, balance and expression, with high quality throughout the region and at all levels. 2022 appears to be another complete and highly satisfactory vintage for the Rhône.