



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau 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.



Crozes-Hermitage 2017

Crozes-Hermitage, 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

Crozes-Hermitage is the perfect introduction to the Northern Rhône Valley, where the red wines have a profile unlike anywhere else in the world, an irresistible combination of warm flavors of red and black fruit, exotic spice notes and, certainly in the case of Crozes, offer pleasure and approachability in youth. It is important to note that most of Crozes-Hermitage is produced from the plains to the south and east of Hermitage, and these wines tend to be simple and straightforward. Guigal's owns vineyards and sources fruit from granitic terraces in the Northern sector, producing a more serious Crozes with vigor, intensity and depth. Guigal's Crozes-Hermitage is a wine that delivers quality and pleasure far beyond its price.

VINEYARD

Soils: The vineyards are grouped in the north of the appellation, specifically around the villages of Gervans, Mercurol, Larnage and Crozes-Hermitage itself. Soils tend to limestone, clay silt and sandy gravel.

Yields: Average of 1.8 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years

WINEMAKING

Grape Varieties: 100% Syrah

Fermentation: In stainless steel, left to rise to high temperature

Aging: 24 months in a combination of large foudres combined with and 228 liter barrels exclusively produced at Guigal's Chateau d'Ampuis cooperage.

Alcohol: 13.5%

VINTAGE

Following the classic 2016 vintage, 2017 in the Northern Rhône was a vintage of contrasts and challenges. After a very dry winter, spring was wet with hail and frost in some areas, reducing the crop considerably. Summer was characterized by periods of extreme drought, which continued through the fall, interrupted by some needed rain in early September. The fruit was clean and extremely concentrated, producing forward, fruity wines of balance, length and depth. A great result!

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"Bright violet. Spice-tinged blackberry, cherry, pungent flowers and a hint of succulent herbs on the perfumed nose. Smooth and energetic on the palate, offering juicy dark berry flavors that show very good depth and a late touch of spiciness. Finishes spicy, gently sweet and long, with a repeating blue fruit note and supple, even tannins." - JR, 4/2020

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