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## Côte-Rôtie Château d'Ampuis 2016

Rhône Valley, 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

The Guigal family spent 15 years restoring Château d'Ampuis, a historic property whose oldest sections date back to the 11th century. The Château d'Ampuis has been the symbol of the town of Ampuis and the world-renowned Côte-Rôtie vineyard area for ten centuries. When the Guigal family learned that there was at one time a wine produced with the name Château d'Ampuis, they decided to produce an exceptional wine that would showcase the best that Côte-Rôtie has to offer. This is an emblematic expression of the terroir and flagship of the Guigals.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* A blend of 7 hillside vineyards located on the Côte Blonde and the Côte Brune: La Garde, Le Clos, La Grante Plantee, La Pommier, Le Pavillon Rouge, Le Moulin, and more recently, La Viria.

*Yields:* Average of 1.5 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 50 years

### WINEMAKING

*Grape Varieties:* 93% Syrah, 7% Voignier

*Fermentation:* Temperature controlled, lasting 4 weeks in closed stainless steel tanks

*Aging:* 38 months in new oak barrels

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

### VINTAGE

2016 began with a cool and rainy spring, with some threat from hail and mildew early on, and very late flowering. However, fine weather through August and September provide perfect conditions for a classic vintage, and the Côte Rôtie vineyards were harvested between late September and mid-October. The resulting wines are excellent, with great purity, concentration and balance. Philippe Guigal calls 2016 a 'classic' vintage for this cuvée, with expected aging potential of 25 years or more.



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"Revealing a ruby/purple hue as well as a stunning nose of black raspberry and cassis interwoven with notes of bacon fat, spring flowers, violets, and smoked game, this beauty hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a seamless texture, and gorgeous overall balance. The tannins are polished, and it has wonderful sweetness of fruit as well as considerable elegance. A classic 2016 that does everything right, it cedes very little, if anything, to the more expensive single vineyard releases. *Readers that love classic Côte Rôtie should buy this by the case.*" - J.D., 11/2020

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