

Christophe Pichon 2013 Cote Rotie 'Promesse'

WineWise Code	FCP-CRP13
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	12.68
Acidity	3.47
Residual Sugar	<2
Annual cases produced	550
Varieties	95% Syrah, 5% Viognier
Pumpover or Punchdown?	Both
Destemming	Whole Cluster
Fermentation vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation duration	1
Aging method	New Barrique 50%, Used Barrique 50%
Aging duration (months)	14
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 22/68
Elevation (meters)	250
Vineyard Aspect	Southeast
Vine age (years)	15-50
Vine Yields hl/ha	40
Farming practices	Conventional
Grape Picking	Hand-Harvested

WineWise Notes:

The startlingly beautiful and exemplary Syrah nose of this wine makes its name entirely apt, for rarely has a perfume offered so much promise that is then fully realised on the palate. This is a silkily gorgeous wine with such purity of fruit that it is hard to believe that 75% of the barrels in which it was aged were new. To achieve such high class for such a tariff is scarcely to be believed. ALMOST GONE.



Notes from the producer:

It has always been a family affair. I took over the estate from my father, then in 1991 I bought some more vineyards. Two years later, I invested in an abandoned hillside so as to plant some Saint Joseph vines. Today, the estate owns 5 hectares of Condrieu, 4 hectares of red Saint Joseph, 2 hectares of white Saint Joseph, 3.9 hectares of Côte-Rôtie, 0.5 hectares of Cornas, 1 hectare of white Vin de Pays Collines Rhodaniennes and 0.5 hectares of red Vin de Pays in Seyssuel. After finishing his studies in viticulture and oenology, Corentin joined the family estate in 2012. In 2014, he spent 6 months vinifying Syrah in Australia, in the well-known Barossa Valley region. On his return to France, he began vinifying his second vintage for the same year ! As a result of his broad experience, he has refined the vinification style in complete harmony with the estate's way of thinking and maintains the respect of the vines and the wines. As an example, he is now making white wines without sulfites.

WineWise Notes on Christophe Pichon:

We continue our careful exploration of the northern Rhône with the addition of this stellar producer of Côte Rôtie, Condrieu, St. Joseph and Cornas. Now in the third generation of the Pichon family, the estate covers 16 hectares split between the four appellations above and a small quantity of vin de pays. The domaine offers elegant, perfumed wines that punch way above their weight when their modest cost is considered – the WineWise paradigm!