

# Christophe Pichon 2016 Condrieu

WineWise Code	FCP-CON16
Country	France
Region	Rhone
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	14.06
Acidity	2.526
Residual Sugar	2.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual cases produced	1600
Varieties	100% Viognier
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Barrels
Fermentation duration	1
Aging method	New Barrique 10%, Used Barrique 60%, Stainless Steel 30%
Aging duration (months)	12
Filtered?	Yes
Fining agents	Bentonite
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact or Stirring	Yes
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes 23/96
Soil Type(s)	Granite
Elevation (meters)	200
Vineyard Aspect	South
Vine age (years)	40
Vine Yields hl/ha	37
Farming practices	Conventional
Grape Picking	Hand-Harvested

## WineWise Notes:

At this echelon, Condrieu demonstrates its reputation as one of the world's great white wines. As powerful and intense as a fine burgundy, it is made like one, too, being mostly vinified in barrique (30% new), with complete m.l.. Just 20% is done in cuve to retain freshness. The resulting wine is voluptuous but contained, vibrant and complete with impressive length on the palate.



## 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!