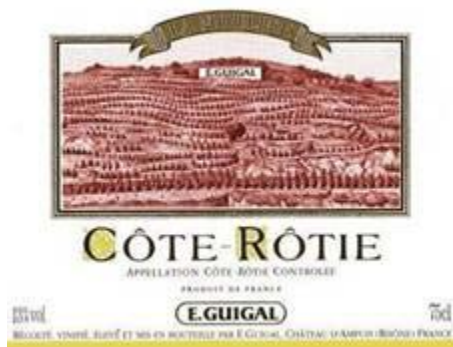


100 point wines from North & South Rhone



The **Guigal** Estate, founded in 1946 by **Etienne Guigal**, is extraordinary in a number of dimensions. First is their decision that they will only purchase vineyards that are capable of producing truly great wines. Therefore despite their important production, they own only 150 acres, all in the Northern Rhone. They own overwhelmingly the finest collection of vineyards in Côte-Rôtie, the finest, carefully selected sites in both Condrieu and Saint Joseph, four exquisite parcels in Hermitage, and some of the finest vineyards in Crozes-Hermitage. These 150 acres are truly the finest sites in the Northern Rhone, and serve as the source for their estate-bottled wines and the foundation for their Northern Rhone appellation wines.



E. Guigal, Cote Rotie, La Mouline, 2003

~~\$6,680~~ **\$4,950/btl**

(available in 1 case of 12 & 16 individual OWC)

RP 100 - 'Heavenly stuff, with sweet cassis, kirsch, roasted meats and exotic spice and floral-driven aromas and flavors, it's massive and voluptuous on the palate, with no hard edges, thrilling concentration and a finish to die for. It's the texture that sets this cuvee apart, and it's as good as it gets.' By **Jeb Dunnuck**



E. Guigal, Hermitage Rouge, 2005

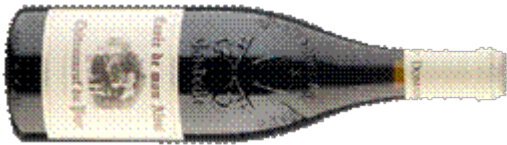
~~\$690~~ **\$520/btl**

RP 90 - 'The finest of this trio is the 2005 Crozes-Hermitage. A dense ruby/purple hue is followed by aromas of new saddle leather, cassis, crushed black olives, and a hint of underbrush. Full-bodied, dense, and rich with sweet tannin as well as good acidity.' By **Robert Parker**



Pierre Usseglio et Fils has been a family-run domaine since Francis Usseglio released his first vintage in 1949. Today, with brothers Jean-Pierre and Thierry Usseglio at the helm, Pierre and Fils has become one of the top producers in Chateauneuf-du-Pape.

The vineyards comprise 17 parcels over 23 hectares on some of the best terroir in Chateauneuf-du-Pape. The wine is vinified traditionally using natural yeasts, low doses of sulfur, and is aged mostly in old oak foudres. The results are world class wines that are testament to Chateauneuf-du-Pape as one of the world's most famous terroirs.



Pierre Usseglio, Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée de Mon Aïeul, 2007

~~\$2,750~~ **\$2,020/btl**

RP 100 - 'It has the most saturated color of any Mon Aïeul produced to date. Moreover, its perfume of blueberry liqueur, black raspberries, licorice, roasted meat juices, and lavender is incredible. Full-bodied power, a multilayered mouthfeel, tremendous purity, and awesome concentration put this wine in a class by itself. It should be a modern day legend and last for nearly two decades.' By **Robert Parker**

Other great vintages:

Pierre Usseglio, Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée de Mon Aïeul, 2004

~~\$600~~ **\$540/btl**

RP 94 – 'Richer, more perfumed and complex, the 2004 Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvée de Mon Aïeul offers up gorgeous notes of kirsch, sweet garrigue, flowers and red licorice in its full-bodied, supple and textured profile. Showing the vintage freshness and elegance, it nevertheless dishes out loads of fruit and texture, with fine tannin and a great finish.' By **Jeb Dunnuck**

Pierre Usseglio, Chateauneuf du Pape Cuvee de Mon Aieul, 2005

~~\$790~~ **\$710/btl**

RP 94+ - 'This hugely concentrated, muscular wine is very powerful, excruciatingly tannic at present, but super-rich. Yields were a low 22 hectoliters per hectare because of the drought, and this blockbuster, muscular, virile style of wine needs at least 5-6 years of bottle age and should keep for two-plus decades. It is certainly a terrific Mon Aieul, but for those who are very patient.' By **Robert Parker**

Special Featuring



Rene Rostaing, Cote Rotie La Landonne, 2004

12 x 750ml @ **\$7,200 = \$600/btl**

RP 89+ - 'The terroir-driven, muscular, dark, brooding 2004 Cote Rotie La Landonne reveals plenty of meat, tannin, smoke, and tart acids, a dark ruby/purple-tinged color, and a firm, structured mouthfeel. Structuralists will probably rate it considerably higher.'
By **Robert Parker**

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Pousse d'Or, Volnay 1er Cru, Clos Bousse d'Or, 2008

Burgundy, France ~~\$760~~ **\$650/btl** --- **RP 95 !!!!**

The Pousse d'Or domaine at Volnay was established in 1954. Its vineyards are anything but ordinary, consisting as they do mainly of premier and grand crus in the villages of Morey-Saint-Denis, Chambolle-Musigny, Corton, Pommard, Volnay, Puligny-Montrachet and Santenay. The domaine's 18 hectares yield 90,000 bottles annually and are managed in a spirit of respect for terroir.



RP 95 - 'The 2008 Volnay Clos de la Bousse d'Or is impeccable from start to finish. Elegant, refined aromatics weave into layers of fruit as this substantial Volnay shows off its class and purity. The finish is supple and delicate, with plenty of reserve.' By **Antonio Galloni**

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