



Domaine Burgaud Cote Rotie

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"one of Cote-Rotie's hidden gems" Decanter

Bernard Burgaud Cote Rotie 2020

£198 per 6 bottles IB

£216 per 3 Magnums IB

Last year, I offered Burgaud's 2020 Cote Rotie but it just scored **96 points from Vinous!** It is worth noting that 2020 is third generation Pierre Burgaud's first vintage at the helm...watch this space.

It is lovely to find a classic, stylish, elegant and great value 'buy' from the Northern Rhone – and at £33 a bottle.

Winemaking

Burgaud's wines speak of purity and elegance; their 4.5 ha holdings are 100% Syrah planted across the 'blonde' gneiss soils and 'brune' schist.

Pierre totally destems the bunches and uses natural yeasts, to accentuate the terroir. They only use 20% new barriques, with short maturation time of 15 months, which Pierre says helps ensure that the wines have a long life and a lovely freshness.

Estate History

Pierre's grandfather, Roger, founded the domaine in the 1950s. In the mornings he worked in the biscuit factory in Ampuis. Like so many local men he'd return to the family smallholding to tend to his farm and vines after work. He had the foresight to buy land on some of the finest slopes of the Cote Rotie, at a time when much of the appellation had been abandoned. Bernard continued the family name, buying the holdings as they remain today, ensuring Pierre's legacy was secured.



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Drink 2023 - 2038

"Deep, vivid ruby. Highly perfumed, incisive aromas of cherry and raspberry, incense, exotic spices and licorice, plus a bright mineral overtone that builds in the glass. Youthful, palate-staining red and blue fruit and spicecake flavors show superb depth as well as urgency, and a core of juicy acidity adds support and a bracing cut. Finishes with reverberating floral and spice notes, subtle tannic grip and lingering minerality. This is shaping up to be, perhaps, the most impressive wine I have ever had from this domaine, which I have been visiting since 1989." 96 Points, Vinous

*Shows a cool composed nose packed with bramble fruit, blackberry and some high-toned red fruit. It is already quite complex with hints of tobacco, bacon rind, tea leaves and mineral notes. The tannin has been well managed and its fine, ripe and firm, giving just enough structure. The finish is long and cool with herbal and mineral notes. A real favourite for the whole team and our highlight from this Rhone 2020 offer. **Farthinghoe Note***

2020 Northern Rhone Vintage:

2020 is a great all-rounder in the Rhone valley. The wines are reliably good quality across the board, in both the North and South, for reds and for whites – a true wine buyers' dream!

The summer wasn't too hot so the wines are quite classic in style and show a lovely freshness. This is important in a region which has been suffering more and more from very hot summers and where some wines are increasingly jammy with high alcohol levels. The summer was indeed warm but importantly the nights were cool and the days saw very few heat spikes. Also, the vine were well supplied with water throughout the growing season thanks to the reserves built up in the water level over the previous winter. There were no major issues during bud burst and the harvest was reasonably early allowing for the fruit to be picked in absolute pristine condition thanks to very little issues with disease or rot. A great success all round giving elegant, fresh wines which will happily age for 10 to 20 years depending on their pedigree.

