



# FAMILLE PERRIN

## *Les Crus*



### Perrin & fils Vinsobres

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#### PRESENTATION

We really like the terroir of Vinsobres, a beautiful village located near Vaison la Romaine; The vineyard is at an altitude of 300m and is situated for the most part on terraces. Vinsobres is particularly suitable for Syrah because it preserves the finesse which is often lost in more southern climates. It develops notes of violet, smoked meat and blackberries. Grenache is also suited to this terroir, full bodied and not heavy, with notes of black chocolate, cherry and typical Garrigue aromas.

#### THE VINTAGE

2009 is a great vintage in the Southern Rhône Valley. It's a combination of ripe fruit, a rich and harmonious mouth and a fleshy finale with elegant tannins.

#### LOCATION

The most northern vineyard of the southern Rhône. The Perrin family owns around 60 hectares in one single plot of Vinsobres. The average altitude is 300 metres on hills and terraces.

#### TERROIR

Stony and sandy marl on the slopes, stony quaternary alluviums on the terraces.

#### AGEING

The entire harvest is destemmed. Syrah is vinified in wooden truncated tanks that are punched down and pumped over. The Grenache is vinified in stainless steel tanks. The Syrah is partly aged in one year old oak barrels. Blending takes place after malolactic fermentation.

#### VARIETALS

Grenache, Syrah

#### SERVING

It is not necessary to decant this wine. Serve at 18C

#### TASTING

Colour: Dark with purple undertones

Nose: Intense notes of violet, black fruit and spices, black pepper and liquorice

Mouth: round, full-bodied, huge finesse with elegant tannins, very fresh



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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



90-93/100

"A blend of equal parts Grenache and Syrah, the 2009 Perrin et Fils Côtes du Rhône Villages Vinsobres Les Cornuds reveals abundant aromas of crushed rocks, spring flowers and blue as well as black fruits in its darker, more cool climate style. It is completely different from the Grenache-dominated wines from the warmer climates of Cairanne, Rasteau, Vacqueyras or Gigondas. The impressive, deep, rich Vinsobres Les Cornuds comes from high elevation (400 feet) vineyards."

**Robert Parker, Wine Advocate, 15/10/2010**

90/100

"Juicy, chewy and satisfying, this full-bodied red is the Ultimate Barbecue Wine for steak and hamburgers."

**Natalie Maclean, 04/11/2011**

**Wine Spectator**

91/100

"Still tightly wound, with an almost bracing violet note leading the way for dark plum and blackberry fruit, ending a flash of pastis on the finish. A tangy iron edge holds sway on the finish. Should settle in nicely with modest cellaring."

**Wine Spectator, 02/11/2011**



17/20

"50/50 Grenache/Syrah. 35% aged in French oak. Noticeably darker than the Côtes du Rhône-Villages and noticeably fresher on the nose. Syrah's dark pepperiness more to the fore on the nose. Dark and withheld. Delicious combination of dense but bright fruit and lively acidity with fine, dense tannins. Alcohol disappears in the energy of the fruit. Cool, fresh, savoury aftertaste leaving fine lingering tannins. Controlled ripeness."

**Jancis Robinson, 05/10/2010**

90/100

"Vivid purple. Intense, spice-accented aromas of black and blue fruits and violet, with a hint of anise in the background. Juicy and precise on the palate, with tangy acidity lifting bitter cherry and boysenberry flavors. Finishes sappy and long, with resonating spiciness and fine tannins."

**Josh Reynolds, 23/05/2012**



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"The Vinsobres is slightly richer in style; a full bodied, supple blend, with intense fruitiness (berries, plum, cherry), lightly herbal/peppery overtones, and modest oakiness on the finish."

**Restaurant Wine, 31/10/2012**

91/100

"Coming from a cooler, higher elevation terroir located near the town of Vaison-la-Romaine, the 2009 Vinsobres Les Cornuds, a blend of 65% Syrah and 35% Grenache that sees 35% in French oak, delivers an aromatic, spice-driven profile, with notions of black and blue fruits, candied violets, spice box, and licorice all emerging from the glass. Improving over the evening and showing outstanding complexity, this medium to full-bodied red has a beautiful, mouth filling texture, admirable balance, and solid length and richness on the finish. All around impressive."

**Jeb Dunnuck, The Rhône Report**

89/100

"Quite dark fruit flavors introduce this slightly herbal red Rhône. Still very youthful, it definitely benefits from exposure to air, as its initially closed bouquet opens to reveal a mélange of aromas which extend onto the palate and end in a lingering, flavorful finish. A fine bargain in a well-structured and balanced French wine."

**Wine Review Online**

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