



# FAMILLE PERRIN

## *Les Crus*



### Famille Perrin Vacqueyras "Les Christins"

*Produced on a very clayey terroir with stones from the Ouvèze river, the Grenache is dominant and develops a fleshy wine. It's typical aromas of chocolate, cherry and fig match beautifully with the Syrah (violet, spice, liquorice).*

#### PRESENTATION

Famille Perrin's Vacqueyras is a beautiful example of Grenache based wines from the Southern Rhône Valley, with an impressive aromatic expression, structured body and great ageing potential.

#### THE VINTAGE

The 2011 vintage is a vintage of contrasts. That is to say an unusually hot, dry spring followed by a wet and rainy beginning of July and then an Indian summer lasting until the end of October. Carefully sorting and destemming the grapes allowed for a great vintage particularly for the late harvest varieties.

#### LOCATION

An 8 hectare vineyard farmed and run by the Beaucastel team. Located on the Commune of Sarrians, south of the Dentelles de Montmirail. Old vines (average age of 50 years).

#### TERROIR

Stony terraces on clay and sandy soils

#### AGEING

Handpicked harvest in 25 kg boxes. Crushing, long fermentation (1 month) in tanks of 50 hectolitres and in Foudres (50%). Blending after malolactic fermentation.

#### VARIETALS

Grenache, Syrah

#### SERVING

The ideal match for this wine is a leg of venison with Gentian, sautéed potatoes with onions and garlic.

#### TASTING

Colour: Nearly black with purple undertones

Nose: Spectacular, very complex, intense and deep with notes of Gentian, liquorice, Cyprus trees and pink pepper

Mout: Powerful and very structured with dense tannins



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## REVIEWS AND AWARDS



87-89/100

"The 2011 Vacqueyras Christins comes from a 20-acre parcel on the plateau of Sarrians, planted with 100% Grenache. As one might expect, plenty of sweet strawberry and cherry jam notes are present in this wine, along with tobacco leaf and dusty, loamy soil notes. It is a big, full-bodied wine and especially ripe for a 2011."

**Wine Advocate, 01/10/2012**

93/100

"Extremely powerful, with terrific density and depth of fruit, this may be the single best release I've ever tasted from this Famille Perrin line of wines. I confess that, after the amazing vintages in the southern Rhône Valley in 2009 and 2010, it did not seem possible that a 2011 could rise to a comparable level of excellence, but this wine manifestly does exactly that. There's so much gorgeous fruit in this wine that it can be enjoyed now with robust foods, but it will continue to unwind complexities for a full decade if you can manage to keep your mitts off of it."

**Michael Franz, Wine Review Online, 26/11/2013**

**Wine Spectator**

89/100

"The plum sauce and currant paste notes are lined with charcoal and tobacco notes, turning broad and fleshy on the finish. Drink now through 2016."

**James Molesworth, Wine Spectator**



90/100

"Clean, fresh and juicy with black raspberry, cranberry and spice; smooth texture, meaty and bright; long and balanced. Syrah, Grenache."

**The Tasting Panel, 01/10/2013**

