



# FAMILLE PERRIN

## *Les Crus*



### Famille Perrin Côtes-du-Rhône Villages Rouge - 2017

*Originating from different terroirs in Côtes du Rhône Villages, this wine is one of the most faithful illustrations of the Southern Rhône Valley.*

#### PRESENTATION

This wine is produced by the Perrin family, using the same viticultural and wine-making techniques used at Château de Beaucastel.

#### THE VINTAGE

This 2017 vintage will be remembered as the year of all records: the driest year in 30 years, non-interventionist vineyard work, optimal harvest conditions, a very small yield due to climatic hazards, and wines with very rich potential.

Back on this very technical vintage with great potential. 2017 began with a particularly dry and mild winter, resulting in a precocious vine. After a sudden drop in temperatures in the early spring with severe frost in several areas, temperatures rose again well above seasonal averages. The flowering was fast, with important and extensive shatter on Grenache and Carignan. The vineyard, however, remained very healthy. The summer was exceptionally hot and dry, leading to a very early start of harvest in mid-August. Harvest lasted until October 5 with ideal conditions, alternating hot days and cool nights. The cellar work was very technical and precise and the first tastings reveal wines with a great potential, very well balanced and aromatic that should be among some of our best vintages.

#### LOCATION

Just 20% of the Côtes-du-Rhône vineyard is entitled to add the word 'Villages' after the words 'Côtes-du-Rhône'. These are the best vineyard sites.

#### TERROIR

Stony terraces over clay and limestone and gravel.

#### AGEING

The harvest date is determined by checking the ripeness of the grapes with analysis and tasting the berries. As soon as they arrive at the winery, the grapes are sorted and destemmed. The fermentation takes place in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks between 150hl and 190hl. The extraction is done by pumping over and the frequency is determined by tasting. After racking and malolactic fermentation, the wines are transferred partly to oak barrels, partly to oak Foudres and finally the rest goes into stainless steel vats where they will be aged for a year.

#### VARIETALS

Grenache, Syrah

#### SERVING

Serve at 18°C

#### TASTING

This ripe wine has a nice freshness and a nice tannic structure. Complex and well balanced on the palate, it offers notes of currants, crushed strawberries, tapenade and tobacco.



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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**Wine Spectator** 88  
"Sleek and pure, with cherry and blood orange fruit, carried by well-embedded acidity, ending with light garrigue and rooibos tea notes. Drink now through 2020."  
**Wine Spectator, 15/11/2019**

**RESTAURANT WINE** 4/5  
""The Villages is an excellent wine and a fine value. It is full bodied, moderately intense in flavor (strawberry, red currant, black licorice, herbs, pepper), balanced, and long on the finish. Has some tannin; can be aged further. Aged one year: 75% in concrete tanks, 25% in oak vats.""  
**Restaurant Wine, 02/02/2020**

