

# RHONE 2015 EN PRIMEUR



The Rhone Valley has once again been blessed by an outstanding vintage that has produced some quite sensational wines full of power, depth and richness as well as balance and poise.

We are delighted to make our initial offering from the icon estates of Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe, Château de Beaucastel and Domaine Les Pallieres.

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## DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE (BEDARRIDES)

One of the famous names of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe is the jewel in the Brunier family's winemaking crown.

The estate consists of some 70 hectares of vines, with 65 hectares of red grapes (60% Grenache, 15% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre and 10% other) and 5 hectares of white (30% Grenache Blanc, 40% Clairette, 15% Roussanne and 15% Bourboulenc). The vineyards lie in a single block on the La Crau plateau.

The major contributing factors to the personality of the wines of Domaine du Vieux Télégraphe are the enormous stones (galets) covering the property to an average depth of six inches. These stones, in summer as well as winter, limit the evaporation of the soil whilst also playing their role of thermal accumulators, reducing considerably the changes of temperature between night and day.

The average vine's age is rigorously maintained at over 40 years, by replanting on an ongoing basis. Each parcel of vines is given careful attention in terms of pruning and the spreading of organic fertiliser and traditional ploughing. Similarly, de-budding, carried out by hand, and the removal of surplus unripe grapes and leaves, enables each vine to obtain its own balance. Harvesting is carried out by hand and sorted twice so that the healthiest fruit possible is received at the winery.



**Pigeoulet des Brunier 2015 (12x75cl)**

**£60 In Bond**

This wine is produced from two separate vineyards. The first is a 7ha parcel in the municipality of Caromb in the Côtes de Ventoux, while the second is a 3ha vineyard situated right on the boundary of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The average age of the vines is 25 years old. The grapes are picked by hand and fully destemmed. 50% of the wine underwent its malolactic fermentation in large oak foudres with the remainder in stainless steel tank. The final blend was then aged for a further six months in foudres. This wine has a tremendous following and in vintages such as 2015 provides unrivalled value for money.

**Drink: 2017 +**

# DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE (BEDARRIDES)

## Megaphone des Brunier 2015 (12x75cl)

£95 In Bond

This most recent addition to the Brunier portfolio of top Rhône wines comes from a plot of vineyards in the area of Caromb, nestling on the southern slopes of the Dentelles de Montmirail. It is a little paradise. Just two hectares of vines, but their situation and aspect prompted the Bruniers not to include these grapes in the classic Pigeoulet blend and instead to make a wine in its own right.

The vines are 25-years-old on average, harvesting is by hand and the grapes are de-stemmed before being gently pressed. Vinification in temperature controlled cement cuves for 15 to 20 days. The wine goes through a full malolactic fermentation and is then aged in huge (50 hectolitre) oak vats for 10 months.

A beautiful and expressive wine, impressive, broad-shouldered, rich, with strong liquorice notes, velvety, complex and well balanced with a seductive elegance. As usual it weds density and vivacity – delicious!

**Drink: 2017 +**

## Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe “La Crau” 2015 (12x75cl)

£390 In Bond

Produced from vineyards located on the stony plateau of La Crau in the south east of the appellation, where the villages of Bedarrides and Cortheson meet. The vines average 60 years of age and the vineyard is the hottest in Châteauneuf-du-Pape. It is always one of the first to pick. The grapes are handpicked, sorted and partially destemmed and then fermented in stainless steel tanks for between 25 - 35 days. After nine months in concrete tanks, the wine is then aged for 10 months in large oak foudres. This is then bottled, without filtration, after 20 months.

A deep, brooding and tightly knit wine, concentrated and rich with classic herb and garrigue characters which add further complexity. The structure is firm and the tannins are deliciously ripe. A beautiful and complex wine from an outstanding vintage.

**Drink: 2020 +**



## DOMAINE LES PALLIERES (GIGONDAS)

Domaine Les Pallières, nestling in the foothills of the beautiful and brooding Dentelles de Montmirail, is undeniably one of the greatest, longest-running properties of the Southern Rhône.

The vineyards range from 250-400 meters in altitude, with varying proportions of sand and clay interwoven with limestone scree descending from the Dentelles.

When the Brunier family purchased the domaine back in 1998 this great property had fallen on hard times. Years of painstaking work in the vineyards followed. Terraces were built and reinforced, allowing for better water retention. A new winery was built to receive the harvested parcels individually in gravity-fed tanks. Finally as the Bruniers began to fully understand the vineyards at Pallieres the many lieux-dits, once blended into one cuvée of Gigondas, were separated into two, starting with the 2007 vintage, in an effort to best express two remarkable personalities.

Cuvée “Terrasse du Diable,” encompasses the low-yielding vines from the higher altitudes that express great structure and intense minerality. Cuvée “Les Racines” showcases the vineyard parcels surrounding the winery—the origin of the domaine with the oldest vines—with the emphasis on freshness and extravagant cornucopian fruit.



### Gigondas ‘Les Racines’ 2015 (12x75cl)

**£190 In Bond**

Produced from old vines (70 – 100 years old) around the Domaine house. The grapes are handpicked and partially destemmed before fermentation in concrete and oak tanks. After a period of ten months ageing in concrete vats, the wine is aged in large oak foudres for a period of ten months. It is then bottled without filtration.

A very rich wine, multi-layered with black fruits, oozing velvety richness. Well structured with finely defined, ripe tannins and just a hint of eucalyptus. A stunning wine this vintage.

**Drink: 2018+**

### Gigondas ‘Terrasse du Diable’ 2015 (12x75cl)

**£190 In Bond**

Produced in exactly the same way as its sister wine, the only difference being it’s terroir. The grapes are handpicked and partially destemmed before fermentation in concrete and oak tanks. After a period of ten months ageing in concrete vats, the wine is aged in large oak foudres for a period of ten months. It is then bottled without filtration.

A Complex, intense wine that oozes class. This cuvee possesses a greater element of spice and minerality.

**Drink: 2018+**



# CHATEAU DE BEAUCASTEL (COURTHEZON)

Run by the Perrin family, Château de Beaucastel is one of the most important in the Châteauneuf-du-Pape appellation and was one of the first to practise organic viticulture – no herbicides, insecticides or any other chemical. It is also famed for using all 13 permitted grape varieties in its final blend with the Mourvedre variety being the most important, often accounting for a third of the final blend.

The vinification process is rather interesting in that when the grapes arrive at the winery they are heated rapidly in order to extract colour and aroma, whilst also killing bacteria. This is known as “à chaud” and is not widely used. After maturation in large oak foudres the wine is bottled with a light fining but without filtration.

When mature, the wines of Château de Beaucastel are quite spellbinding. A true “wine experience”.



## **Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2015 (12x75cl)**

**£136 In Bond**

Produced from vineyards just across the Route N7 from the Châteauneuf du Pape vineyards of Château de Beaucastel, this wine makes a mockery of its Cotes du Rhone appellation. Low yields of high quality fruit and aged for 6 months in large oak foudres.

“A fabulous year for the Coudoulet de Beaucastel, characterized by a nice roundness with a beautiful ruby colour. The nose is both fresh and complex with notes of spice and liquorice. The palate is subtly balanced between a beautiful freshness and notes of black fruit.” Famille Perrin.

The value that this wine gives is simply stunning!

**Drink: 2017 +**

## **Chateau de Beaucastel 2015 (6x75cl)**

**£225 In Bond**

Matured in 500hl/ha oak foudres and bottled without filtration, this is one of the icon domaines of Châteauneuf-du-Pape, one which includes all 13 permitted varieties in its blend.

“The first blend of the 13 grapes varieties at Château de Beaucastel already shows a unique wine which reveal the fantastic weather condition and tasty grapes we had in the vineyard. The wine has a deep ruby colour with rich aromas, blueberries and cassis jam with silky tannins and delicate. A superb vintage which show an impressive energy and balance.” Famille Perrin.

**Drink: 2022 +**

# RHONE EN PRIMEUR 2015 ORDER FORM

	Cases Req'd	Cost IB	Total
<b>DOMAINE DU VIEUX TELEGRAPHE (BEDARRIDES)</b>			
Pigeoulet des Brunier 2015	.....	£60.00	.....
Megaphone des Brunier 2015	.....	£95.00	.....
Domaine du Vieux Telegraphe "La Crau" 2015	.....	£390.00	.....
<b>DOMAINE LES PALLIERES (GIGONDAS)</b>			
Gigondas 'Les Racines' 2015	.....	£190.00	.....
Gigondas 'Terrasse du Diable' 2015	.....	£190.00	.....
<b>CHATEAU DE BEAUCASTEL (COURTHEZON)</b>			
Coudoulet de Beaucastel 2015	.....	£136.00	.....
Chateau de Beaucastel 2015	.....	£225.00	.....
			Total .....



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**Storage:** We will be pleased to store your wines in our secure Bonded Warehouse in Melton, if you so wish. The rental is 15 pence per case per week plus VAT, which covers all charges.

**Insurance:** Please ensure that if you decide to leave your wines in our Melton No 9 Bond that you take out the appropriate insurances.

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