

SM 1ST EDITION CÔTES DU RHÔNE



BLEND

SM allies the best of Northern and Southern Rhone blend in an unreverencious but outstanding blend of :

S - Septentrional : 50% Old vines of Syrah (60 years) from Northern Rhône Valley - 2011 vintage.

M - Méridional : 50% of Grenache (more than 80 years) from Southern Rhône Valley - 2012 vintage.

TERROIR

Syrah originating from 12 parcels on different characteristics terroirs of Northern Rhone (Granit, Loess, Sandy soils)
Grenache coming from 13 parcels of various terroirs (pebbles, gravels, sands, urgonians).

All parcels have been choose further mineral salts analysis and for the outstanding concentration they offer. For even more complexity, this blend allies several vintages.

WINE MAKING

Hand harvesting, destemming and sorting on the plot. Ageing of the Grenache in concrete tanks to preserve the fruit purity. Ageing of the Syrah in barrels of one wine during 14 months

AGEING POTENTIAL 6 to 10 years

SERVICE 15-16°C

FOOD PAIRING

Simply Grilled T-Bone served with Rosemary potatoes - Pork with tapenade noire (Black olives purée).

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Parker

The NV Côtes du Rhône S.M. is thrilling stuff. Made from equal parts Grenache and Syrah and aged half in concrete and half in barrel, it offers a full-bodied, voluptuous and decadent style to go with overflowing notes of plum and darker fruits, licorice and violets. Gorgeous on all counts, it's a shockingly good Côtes du Rhône to drink over the coming 4-6 years, although I wouldn't be surprised to see it last even longer."

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A mix of 2011 and 2012, the NV Côtes du Rhône S M is equal parts Syrah and Grenache with the Syrah from the north and Grenache from the south. Smoked meats, leather, garrigue, olives, and assorted fruits all give way to a medium-bodied, layered, elegant red that has loads to love.



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