



Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Château d'Ampuis, the iconic 11th century property perched on the banks of the Rhône river. For generations, the building has remained a symbol of the region and of the world-renowned vineyards which surround it.



## Condrieu La Doriane 2017

Condrieu, France

### ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding becomes their story. Their wines are the benchmarks for every Rhône appellation, and over the last thirty years they have become arguably the most lauded producer in the world. Year after year the Guigal family produces wines of exceptional quality that in all classes offer exceptional value.

### WINE

La Doriane is a luxury cuvée of Condrieu that the Guigals have produced since the 1994 vintage. A great success since the first vintage, the wine always seems richly oaked and very fruity when young, transforming in 3-4 years into a seamlessly complex, aromatic and vibrant wine. La Doriane contradicts the accepted wisdom that Condrieu does not age well.

### VINEYARD

**Soils:** The fruit is sourced from some of the finest sites in the appellation, including Côtes Chatillon, a steeply terraced vineyard overlooking the town of Condrieu itself. Other vineyards include Coteaux de Chery and Colombier, situated further south, and Château Volan – an exceptionally steep, south-facing vineyard near the town of Malleval

**Yields:** Average of 1.3 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years

### WINEMAKING

**Grape Varieties:** Viognier 100%

**Fermentation:** After hand harvesting and sorting, the wine is fermented in 100% new oak barriques for 12 months on lees. The entirety of the wine undergoes malolactic fermentation.

**Aging:** 12 months in new French oak barriques for 12 months.

**Alcohol:** 14.0%

### VINTAGE

2017 presented very challenging climatic conditions that prompted harvest 10-15 days earlier than usual. There was no heavy rainfall, despite a few storms in August and September. Though lower yields, the wine produced is of excellent quality. There is a harmony between a beautiful freshness of fruit and creaminess for a dry wine. A remarkable minerality in this vintage.

## JEB DUNNUCK

*"The blockbuster 2017 Condrieu La Doriane is up there with the crème de la crème, and just might be the wine of the vintage in the region. Stunning notes of buttered peach, crème brûlée, white flowers, and honeysuckle all literally soar from the glass. Deep, rich, medium to full-bodied and powerful, like the base cuvée, it stays incredibly pure and elegant. Don't miss it" - JC, 12/2018*

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