

2018 Domaine l'Abbé Dîneproduct-pdf - Côtes du Rhône Rouge - Lovely Côtes du Rhône from a 100pt Winemaker

Why We're Drinking It

It's not everyday you get a chance to snag a wine crafted by one of the most renowned 100pt winemaking consultants in all of the Southern Rhône. But lucky for you, today is that day! This lovely little Côtes du Rhône Rouge has nothing but effortless charm and a bright, fruity profile making it a perfect weeknight quaffer. And at 40% off, you best believe this is worthy stocking up on by the caseload.

Philippe Cambie is the winemaking consultant behind this project. He's a true legend in the Rhône with his keen talents for coaxing elegance, finesse and approachability out of Rhône varieties. He works with the likes of Château de Vaudieu, Domaine les Cailloux, Clos du Mont Olivet, Clos Saint Jean and a long list of others, including a new Grenache project with Phil Coturri in Napa and Sonoma. Over the years he's earned over fifteen 100pt scores and was named oenologist of the year in 2010 by Robert Parker. When you want a well-crafted, elegant wine, you call Philippe, and that's just what owner Nathalie Reynaud did when she decided to move away from selling her fruit to the local co-op and pivot to launching her own brand.

Silky, pretty, approachable and just damn delightful, this blend of 80% Grenache, 18% Syrah and 2% Mourvèdre has a vibrant floral profile with fresh fruity notes of pomegranate, plums and black cherries with hints of damp earth, white pepper and warm stones. Effortlessly bright, this is definitely one of those wines that goes down a little too easy. Give it a little chill for an extra refreshment.

\$15 wine from a 100pt winemaker? Pretty much a no brainer. \$90 a 6-pack with shipping included. Happy Monday!

Tasting Notes

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VARIETAL

Rhone Blend

APPELLATION

Côtes du Rhône

ALCOHOL

14.50

SIZE

750ml

BLEND

Rhone Blend

The Story to Know

The Reynaud family has been farming in the Southern Rhone valley since the 1880s in the ideally situated Les Berdines lieu dit. According to the local tales Les Berdines got its name from an abbey who loved food and wines - from this story comes the name l'Abbe Dine which lossley translates to the Abbots Dinner. In 2012 Nathalie Reynaud decided she would stop selling grapes to the local coop and so l'Abbe Dine was born. She hired Philippe Cambie to consult and the combo of his expertise and old vines makes for a winning combination.
