

E. Guigal Trilogie 2018

CSPC# 867458

750mlx3

13.5% alc./vol.



The Trilogie Box

The Trilogie box includes 1 bottle of **La Landonne**, 1 bottle of **La Turque** and 1 bottle of **La Mouline**.

Today, this producer's "Big Three"—the **La Mouline**, **La Landonne**, and **La Turque** labels—are some of the rarest, most ardently desired wines in the world. Guigal's "La La" wines, as they are known, are single-vineyard wines famous as much for their intensity as their consistency. They make excellent additions to any wine lover's collection of bottles from this region.

La Mouline is perhaps the most floral of the Big Three, with a silky-sweet flavor balance of exotic black and red fruits, earthy mineral notes, and violets. La Mouline's grapes are grown in a vineyard planted on Côte Blonde with 89-percent Syrah and 11-percent Viognier. The vines average 75 years old.

La Landonne is a single-varietal Syrah wine bursting with dark fruit flavors mixed with smoked, gamey meats and gravelly minerality. La Landonne's vines average around 35 years of age and thrive in the iron-rich limestone clay of Côte Brune. La Landonne takes the longest to mature of Guigal's Big Three, but is always worth the wait

La Turque is, in some ways, halfway between the other two La Las, despite being grown on the youngest vines (averaging just 25 years of age). Darker and denser than La Mouline but not quite as tannic or powerful as La

Landonne, La Turque's appeal lies in its elegant complexity and quality. Supple, sensuous, and strongly expressive of its terroir, La Turque is made from a vineyard planted with 93-percent Syrah and seven-percent

Viognier just a stone's throw away from La Landonne on the steep slope of Côte Blonde.

La Mouline
La Turque
La Landonne
Appellation
Website

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Côte Rôtie

<https://www.guigal.com/en/>

Sustainability	At the heart of the Maison Guigal's exacting standards lies the desire to preserve the vineyards with complete respect for the ecosystem of the soil. From the cultivation and maintenance of the terraces to the pruning and care of the vines, each step of the way the viticultural practice works in harmony with nature and is sustainable and nourishing. A true reflection of the people who work in the vineyards and of the wines produced by them.
General Info	<p>Domaine Guigal was founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal in Ampuis, a small ancient village and cradle of the Côte-Rôtie appellation. It is home to a unique vineyard where vines and wine have been celebrated for 2400 years. Arrived in 1924 at the age of 14, the founder vinified 67 harvests in Côte-Rôtie and participated at the beginning of his career in the development of Establishments Vidal-Fleury.</p> <p>In 1961, although very young, Marcel Guigal took over the management of the House alongside his father who was suddenly struck with total blindness. He was joined in 1973 by his wife Bernadette and worked together to develop the family business. In 1975, their son Philippe was born, today the oenologist of the house. Accompanied by his wife Eve, he represents the third generation and continues the family work in the service of the Great Wines of the Rhône Valley.</p> <p>Since 1946, work and perseverance have borne fruit and certain stages attest to this, such as the acquisition of Establishments Vidal-Fleury in the early 1980s, which still retain full commercial autonomy and their own identity.</p>
General Info	<p>Ten years later, 1995 was marked by the acquisition of the famous Château d'Ampuis, a historic and oenological landmark, located on the banks of the Rhône, whose long history is directly linked to the Côte-Rôtie Appellation. The Guigal estate was embellished in 2001, with the takeover of the former Jean-Louis Grippat estate and the Vallouit estate, allowing it to consolidate its position within the Côte-Rôtie appellation but also in Hermitage, Saint-Joseph and Crozes-Hermitage.</p> <p>Since the summer of 2003, Maison Guigal, determined to always improve its knowledge of wine and its immediate environment, has embarked on a brand-new adventure: cooperage. This artisanal and ancestral work ensures an additional technical mastery in the charm of the historic setting of the Château d'Ampuis. In March 2006, the Guigal family acquired Domaine de Bonserine and supported it in its development, which remained independent of that of Domaine Guigal.</p> <p>The purchase of Château de Nalys in Châteauneuf-du-Pape in July 2017 marks an important step in the history of Maison Guigal, which thus establishes itself in the south of the Rhône Valley, Nalys becoming the southern flagship of the family.</p> <p>We are not so far from the first square meters of cellar where Etienne Guigal worked, but it is now in three hectares of cellars and galleries that abound barrels, tuns and vats. The history and the soul of the Guigal family are very present in these places which secretly shelter exceptional wines.</p> <p>Together, this family selects, raises, and markets, with ardor and passion, the greatest Appellations of the Rhône Valley.</p>
Winemaker	Jacques Desvernois
Vintage	The 2018 vintage in the Rhône was marked by wet weather through the end of June followed by a relatively hot and dry summer and fall. Quantities in the north were exceptional, while in the south crop levels were impacted by the excessive heat and also mildew. All told, 2018 is an excellent vintage of great ripeness, concentration, and structure, suffering only from a markedly smaller crop in the south.
Vineyards	<p>Planted on slopes by the Romans 24 centuries ago, this illustrious vineyard is made up of the Côte Brune, upstream of the Reynard and the Côte Blonde which is downstream. Planted almost exclusively with Syrah, the Côte Brune produces a powerful, intense wine. Thanks to a dash of Viognier which compliments the Syrah, the Côte Blonde is more subtle. There is a charming legend attached to this appellation and the Château d'Ampuis: "the sire of this place had two daughters, one with hair as dark as the night and the other blonde like a field of wheat. When they got married, he endowed each with two of his best slopes. This is how we inherited the Côte Brune and the Côte Blonde"</p> <p>La Mouline: Vine age about 75 years old. Vines terraced in the shape of a Roman amphitheater. The terroir is composed of gneiss giving light-colored siliceous soils to which are mixed limestone loess.</p> <p>La Landonne: Vine age about 35 years old. Clay-limestone soil, very rich in iron oxides.</p> <p>La Turque: Vine age about 25 years old. Siliceous limestone with schists producing clay soil rich in iron oxide.</p>
Harvest	35 HI / hectare
Vinification/ Maturation	<p>La Mouline: Vinification in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. Work by traditional pumping over. Alcoholic fermentation/maceration for 4 weeks. Unique aging of 40 months in new barrels</p> <p>La Landonne: Vinification in temperature-controlled stainless-steel vats. Continuous winding system by CO2 pressure. Alcoholic fermentation/maceration for a minimum of 4 weeks. Unique aging of 40 months in new barrels.</p> <p>La Turque: Thermoregulated stainless steel tanks. Automated punching down. Alcoholic fermentation/ 4-week maceration. 42 months in new oak</p>

Tasting Notes	<p>La Mouline: The Côte-Rôtie "La Mouline" is one of the most emblematic wines of Domaine GUIGAL. Only a few bottles come each year from this vine located in the heart of the Côte Blonde. On the palate, a voluptuous and silky texture, intensely aromatic. Ruby red color with vermilion red reflections. Aromas of small red fruits, blackberry, and floral aromas of violet, ... Powerful but fine aromatic intensity. Very supple entry in the mouth and beautiful harmony between the finesse of the aromas and the explosive richness due to the concentration of this wine. Feminine wine with a voluptuous, silky-velvety texture, intensely aromatic</p> <p>La Landonne: The Côte-Rôtie "La Landonne" completes the famous trilogy. Massive and pure wine, with a great intensity of flavors and color, it is the wine to lay down par excellence. Black-red color with very dark reflections. Aromas of small black fruits, leather, liquorice, and aromas of roasting and oriental spices. Powerful aromatic intensity. Powerful entry into the mouth and massive tannin structure. Lots of richness and focus. Strong expression of the terroir. This very long-lived wine, massive and concentrated, has a rare intensity of flavor and color.</p> <p>La Turquie: Côte-Rôtie "La Turquie" is one of the jewels of Domaine GUIGAL. Powerful wine with spicy notes, its brown coast terroir with blonde accents gives it great elegance. Aromas of small red fruit, blackberry, morello cherry Intensely aromatic, powerful, and elegant. Supple attack with a balanced supple structure, concentration and elegant tannins. Fully expressive of the terroir. With all the virility of the Côte Brune, La Turquie also has all the subtlety and femininity of the Côte Blonde.</p>
Serve with	16°C to 18°C. Exceptional wine, exceptional food, pheasant, partridge, hare
Cellaring	<p>La Mouline: 15 years</p> <p>La Landonne: 35 years</p> <p>La Turquie: 25 years</p>
Scores/Awards	<p>La Mouline</p> <p>98-100 points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - February 2022</p> <p>98-100 points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - December 2019</p> <p>98-100 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - January 2019</p> <p>97-99 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW (score only) - November 2019</p> <p>La Landonne</p> <p>98-100 points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - February 2022</p> <p>98-100 points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - December 2019</p> <p>96-98 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - January 2019</p> <p>98-100 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW (score only) - November 2019</p> <p>La Turquie</p> <p>94-96? points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - February 2022</p> <p>98-100 points - Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate - December 2019</p> <p>96-98 points - Antonio Galloni, Vinous (score only) - January 2019</p> <p>98-100 points - Jeb Dunnuck MW (score only) - November 2019</p>
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2018 Cote Rotie La Mouline is immensely seductive, offering up enticing notes of floral potpourri and red berries on the nose. Those strawberries and raspberries persist onto the full-bodied palate and through the long, lush finish, buoyed by supple, creamy-textured tannins. This is the most complete, compelling vintage of La Mouline I've tasted."</i></p> <p>- JC, Wine Advocate</p> <p><i>"Like the 2017, Guigal's 2018 Cote Rotie La Mouline boasts incredible aromatics, with highs ranging from violets and peppery spice to ripe blueberries and raspberries. The oak is in the background, supporting the supple fruit. Full-bodied, lush and silky, La Mouline seems to have it all in 2018."</i></p> <p>- JC, Wine Advocate</p>

Reviews

*“Subtle hints of fresh pea shoots accent characteristic dark notes of roasted meat, espresso and black olives in the full-bodied **2018 Cote Rotie La Landonne**. Rich, concentrated and velvety-textured, with ample length and plenty of ripe tannins on the finish, it should benefit from a decade or more of bottle age—once it gets there. It's a brooding beast of a Cote Rotie that serious collectors will want to have in their cellars.*

It was the start of the last full day of my 2021 Rhône trip when I pulled into the parking lot at Guigal around 9:30 a.m. Reminder: Always dress warmly when tasting at Guigal, because the cellars are a few degrees cooler than average! The cool temperatures help inhibit the growth of any spoilage organisms during the extended élevage these wines receive.”

- JC, Wine Advocate

*“Another candidate for perfection, the **2018 Cote Rotie La Landonne** has more of everything. More spice, more florals, more dark fruit, more concentration, more length—you get the idea. Violets accent black cherries in this full-bodied wine, which must be the easiest (98 - 100) rating I've ever given.*

Tasting at Guigal is always one of the highlights of my Northern Rhône trip. Because of the family's breadth of production and hallmark long élevage, it provides a chance to look at several vintages together, along with commentary from the knowledgeable patriarch, Marcel Guigal. This year, I was joined by Marcel, his son Philippe and Jacques Desvernois, hired away from Jaboulet in the summer of 2018, for a five-hour marathon in the chilly cellar beneath the company's headquarters in Ampuis. Despite the cool temperatures, there were smiles all around at the quality of the samples on the table. “Global warming has been fabulous for the Northern Rhône,” said Marcel at one point.”

- JC, Wine Advocate

*“Shut down tight on this occasion, the dark, impenetrable **2018 Cote Rotie La Turque** is clearly dense and packed with potential. Cedary notes, dark, concentrated fruit, potent tannins and a long, dusty finish suggest plenty of upside for the patient.”*

- JC, Wine Advocate

*“Does the scale go higher than 100? Guigal's **2018 Cote Rotie La Turque** is a sure candidate for perfection down the road. With more concentration and richness than the aromatic 2017, it seamlessly blends grilled cherries, espresso, black olives, and even exotic hints of black truffle into a full-bodied, powerhouse that should drink well for at least two decades.”*

- JC, Wine Advocate
