



E. Guigal Côte Rôtie La Mouline

AOC CÔTE RÔTIE
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ESTATE

The firm of E. Guigal, located in Ampuis, was founded in 1946 by Etienne Guigal. Since 1961 his son Marcel has led the estate, and his unparalleled work ethic and dedication to quality have brought attention to Côte-Rôtie and other appellations throughout the Rhone that were in danger of being lost, and lifted the Guigal wines to the pinnacle of the wine world. Today, Marcel's son Philippe serves as Director and Oenologist, continuing the tradition of leadership in the Rhone Valley and uncompromising excellence.

WINE

La Mouline is historically the oldest vineyard in Cote-Rotie, with walls dating back 2,400 years, and today its vines are also the oldest in the region, averaging 90 years of age, with the oldest dating back to plantings in the 1890s, from the first plantings after phylloxera. Acquired in 1966, this was Guigal's first single-vineyard Côte-Rôtie. It is also the "LaLa" positioned on the lighter soils of the Cote Blonde and with the highest percentage of Viognier,

characteristics that give La Mouline its telltale aromatic complexity and additional softness and roundness; it is often called the most feminine of Guigal's Côte-Rôties.

VINEYARD

The steeply terraced amphitheater of La Mouline is not only visually impressive, but lends a variety of expositions and, importantly, both shelters the 2.5 acre site from the wind and acts as a heat trap. The gneiss bedrock has soils of lightly colored silicone containing limestone loess. The site is planted to 89% Syrah and 11% Viognier, with the two varieties picked together and co-fermented.

VINIFICATION

The wine sees traditional pumpovers, and alcoholic fermentation and maceration last around 4 weeks. Aging is for 40 months in new oak barrels made at the Chateau d'Ampuis cooperage.

"An array of sweet-smelling spices and a green-ish pepper edge to the nose with plenty of dark plums, crushed dark violet florals and grilled raisin toast. The palate has smooth, sweeping tannins that build in waves of pastry-like, plush and velvety texture. Long blood plum and creamy espresso finish. Drink now and beyond."

– 97 Points James Suckling