



# E. GUIGAL

Above: The Guigal family spent nearly 15 years restoring Chateau 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.



## Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 2017

Côte-Rôtie, France

### ESTATE

The more you learn about the Guigal family, the more astounding their story becomes. 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

One of three single-vineyard Cru Côte Rôtie in the Guigal estate, La Landonne is a remarkable expression of terroir and one of the world's most coveted wines. And for good reason, as La Landonne is situated on one of the steepest vineyards of the Côte Brune, a 45 degree slope that remarkably requires harvesters to start picking from the bottom of the vineyard and work their way up, placing grape bunches in bins that are set on sleds and dragged up the hill. Along with its position at the northern end of the Côte Brune and the fact it is the last vineyard to ripen, La Landonne is the mirror of the feminine and voluptuous La Mouline: it is a wine of driving power, defined by its dark fruit and structure. Marcel Guigal assembled this vineyard over 10 years through parcel-by-parcel acquisitions from 17 growers. The vineyard was totally replanted in 1975, the year of Philippe Guigal's birth, and the first vintage was 1978.

### VINEYARD

*Soils:* Limestone clay very rich in iron oxide.

*Yields:* Average of 2.59 tons per acre, average age of the vines is 35 years

### WINEMAKING

*Grape Varieties:* 100% Syrah

*Fermentation:* La Landonne is one of the Guigal Côte Rôtie wines that is rarely destemmed. The wine is continuously pumped over, with fermentation and maceration lasting 4 weeks.

*Aging:* 42 months in new oak

*Alcohol:* 13.5%

### VINTAGE

Following the classic 2016 vintage, 2017 in the Northern Rhône was a year of contrasts and challenges. Following a very dry winter, spring was wet with hail and frost in some areas, reducing the crop considerably. Summer was characterized by periods of extreme drought, which continued through the fall, interrupted by some needed rain in early September. The crop in Côte Rôtie was about 20% smaller than usual, and harvest took place over two weeks beginning September 7th. However, the fruit was clean and extremely concentrated, with rich but round tannins, producing dense wines of balance, length and long aging potential. A great result!

## Wine Spectator

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This is a brick house, with ample reserves of dark currant and blackberry reduction flavors lined with a strong cast iron note, while dark tobacco, olive and smoldering alder accents fill in through the finish. Built for the long haul. - J.M., 9/2021

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