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VINTAGE 2016/2017

D O M A I N E
LA F L O R A N E

DOMAINE DE L' *Echevin*



RATING

91

100

**2017 A FLEUR DE PAMPRE WHITE
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VISAN**

A blend of Marsanne, Roussanne, Viognier and Bourboulenc, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Visan A Fleur de Pampre Blanc offers lovely fruit-salad complexity, with hints of melon, guava and pineapple. Medium to full-bodied, it's plush and silky in texture, easy to drink and finishes long. The blend will incorporate Clairette starting in 2018.



**2017 A FLEUR DE PAMPRE RED
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VISAN**

From young vines (5-25 years old), the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Visan A Fleur de Pampre was tasted as a finished blend from tank two weeks prior to bottling. It offers bright cherry fruit and hints of garrigue and anise on the nose. Medium-bodied, it's silky and fresh on the finish.

RATING

88/90

100



RATING

89

100

**2017 A FLEUR DE PAMPRE ROSE
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VISAN**

A blend of 50% Cinsault, 40% Grenache and 10% Syrah, the salmon-peach-hued 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Visan A Fleur de Pampre Rose is a bit austere, with melon and berry aromas but a medium-bodied, citrusy palate and dry, crisp finish. dignissim qui blandit praesent luptatum zzril delenit augue dui dolore te feugait nulla facilisi.



RATING

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**2017 TERRE POURPRE
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VISAN**

A blend of 80% Grenache and 20% Syrah, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Visan Terre Pourpre continues the successful run for this cuvée. Ripe, juicy black cherry fruit combines with licorice notes in this medium to full-bodied wine. Rich and supple on the mid-palate, it's silky on the long finish, with enough concentration and length to think it will last through 2025.



**2017 JE NE SOUFFRE PLUS VIN NATURE
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES**

A 50-50 Grenache-Syrah blend, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Je Ne Souffre Plus Vin Nature is floral and briary up front. It's medium-bodied and silky in texture, with fresh cherry fruit that lingers on the finish. As there's no sulfur added, the wine is filtered in the interest of stability.

RATING

89
100



RATING

93
100

**2016 A FLEUR DE PAMPRE ROSE
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES VISAN**

The 2016 Cotes du Rhone Villages Visan Terre Pourpre was vinified in oak and bottled in April 2018 after spending a year in foudres and demi-muids and another six months in tank. It's dominated by crisp black cherry fruit—crunchy, fresh and acid-driven yet ripe at the same time. Serve it blind to your friends who think they don't like Grenache and watch the light bulb come on.



RATING

90/92
100

**2017 DOMAINE DE L'EHEVIN
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES SAINT MAURICE**

Tasted as a prospective blend assembled from vat, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Saint Maurice is an 80-20 blend of Syrah and Grenache. It shows black olive tapenade aromas and plummy fruit. Medium to full-bodied, it's intense and ripe, with supple tannins and a long finish. It should drink well for 6-7 years.



**2016 DOMAINE DE L'EHEVIN
COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES SAINT MAURICE**

Now that it's in bottle, the 2016 Cotes du Rhone Villages Saint Maurice is looking as good as I hoped it would last year. A blend of 80% Syrah and 20% Grenache, it's loaded with dark fruit, cola and spice. Medium to full-bodied, with a silky-creamy texture, it finishes long and fine.

RATING

92
100



RATING

92/94

100

2017 GUILLAUME DE ROUVILLE RED COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES SAINT MAURICE

A blend of 95% Syrah and 5% Grenache, the 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Saint Maurice Guillaume de Rouville was assembled for my visit from elements aging in demi-muids and foudres. Baking spices accent hints of tar, cracked pepper, licorice and black olives. Medium to full-bodied, it's supple, rich, velvety and long—a real beauty that may outpace the delicious 2016.



2017 GUILLAUME DE ROUVILLE WHITE COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES SAINT MAURICE

The 2017 Cotes du Rhone Villages Saint Maurice Guillaume de Rouville Blanc is a blend of 30% each Grenache Blanc, Marsanne and Roussanne, with the last 10% being Viognier. Grown on a north-facing slope at 420 meters above sea level and all barrel fermented in mostly used demi-muids, this medium to full-bodied wine boasts notes of pencil shavings and honeyed pear. It's broad on the mid-palate, then narrows to a rapier-like finish of lime zest.

RATING

92

100



RATING

93

100

2016 GUILLAUME DE ROUVILLE RED COTES DU RHONE VILLAGES SAINT MAURICE

Almost entirely Syrah (there's 5% Grenache), the 2016 Cotes du Rhone Villages Saint Maurice Guillaume de Rouville is a super effort. Smoky, meaty and loaded with black olive and espresso, this full-bodied wine is rich and velvety, yet it possesses crisp acids on the long finish. Don't expect it to have the longevity of a Hermitage, but there is a family resemblance.