



# Southern Rhône

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wine selection



## Southern Rhône, Xavier Vignon, Arcane Les Amoureux, AOC Côtes du Rhône, Rouge

AOC Côtes du Rhône, Vallée du Rhône, France

Xavier Vignon is one of the top consultant winemakers in the south of France. He used to be a master Champagne blender (so he knows a thing or two about constructing wines) but now lives in the Rhône Valley from where he visits around 300 estates to advise them on viticulture and vinification. At the end of each year, as he hands over his bill, he offers some of his employers to exchange it for barrels to make his own blends - well, that's more or less how it works!

### PRESENTATION

Xavier is a great enthusiast of blending and is always on the lookout for terroirs with potential as he works with creative freedom to produce top wines. The result? A collection of wines adding a modern touch to the pure essence of Rhône wines, each one meticulously created with quality fruit collected from carefully-chosen vines: the Arcane series is the expression of a vintage, a grape variety or a terroir. Each cuvée is a limited edition. This Arcane is a homage to the 2016 vintage. 5 of the southern Rhône's most iconic crus have been blended together in a single cuvée.

### LOCATION

For the first time, five « crus » are blended at the same time to express their unique tipicity, freeing themselves from the constraints for a well balanced blend.

Lirac is deep, round, silky, with a good mid-palate (mostly syrah).

Gigondas brings structure, a powerful juice with concentrated tannins.

Beaumes-de-Venise bring pleasant notes, fruity and fresh.

Juices from the Saint Amand Hill (600 meters above sea level, highest point of the Dentelles de Montmirail)

Vacqueyras is more aromatic, it brings notes of garrigue, floral notes and a certain sweetness.

Rasteau expresses its deep terroir with structured tannins.

### TERROIR

Selection of plots representative of each terroir: clay, stony, limestone and sandy soils, limestone and sandy soils.

### WINEMAKING

Determination of harvest dates by daily tasting of the berries. Hand-picked. Long maceration without mechanical extraction

### AGEING

The wine is matured in concrete vats in order to preserve to preserve the expression of the fruit of each terroir represented.

### VARIETALS

Grenache noir 80%, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Caladoc 20%

### 14,5 % VOL.

GM: No.

Contains sulphites.

### SERVING

14-16°C/ 58-61°F



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## AGEING POTENTIAL

Over 15 years

## TASTING

Deep dark red. Bouquet of black cherries, black berries, pepper and garrigue. Well-balanced and deep, raspberry and plum flavors. Fine and powerful tannins.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

Grilled red meats on the barbecue - Flan du Lubéron with aubergines - Pan-fried duck breast with pineapple - Beef cutlet marinated in ginger - Mature cheeses.

## REVIEWS AND AWARDS

**JEB DUNNUCK**

94+

"Red berries, red flowers and a berry-pastry edge to the nose, making for an attractive offering. The palate has a super juicy feel with succulent, vibrant raspberry and red-plum flavors, carrying long on silky, powerful tannins. Impressive. Drink or hold."

**Jeb Dunnuck**

**JAMES SUCKLING.COM**

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**James Suckling**



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"A blend of lots from five different Southern Rhône crus (and hence declassified to Côtes du Rhône), the 2016 Cotes du Rhone Arcane VI Les Amoureux is a stunning effort, showcasing raspberry and strawberry fruit, a silky-creamy texture and lush, mouthwatering flavors. No, it doesn't speak of the individual terroirs (Beaumes de Venise, Gigondas, Lirac, Rasteau, Vacqueyras), but it delivers sheer deliciousness."

**Robert Parker**

