

# LA GRAND COMTADINE

## AOC CÔTES DU RHÔNE 2019

Single Estate – GPS 44.158738, 4.987336



### ORIGIN

Southern Rhône, France

### APPELLATION

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### VINEYARD

25-years-old Grenache and 15-years-old Syrah vines planted in clay-limestone soils

### BLEND

70% Grenache  
20% Syrah  
10% Cinsault

### WINEMAKING

Hand-harvested grapes, destemmed & sorted in the vineyard and again at the winery. Long-vatting for 25-days to maximize extraction in temperature-controlled tanks.

### AGING

Aging is done in subterranean cement tanks for several months before bottling.

### TECHNICAL INFORMATION

14% Alc. |

La Grand Comtadine's 2019 Côtes du Rhône is a wonderful delight. From the nose to the palate you will enjoy notes of fruit confitures to concentrated spiced plum. This is truly a wine to enjoy now with its fruit focused balance and wonderful refreshing acidity.

The 2019 Rhône Valley vintage challenged its winemakers. The winter was mild, and continued into a dry spring, which led to an early bud break. It was then met with an unexpected cold snap and a strikingly hot summer. However, they were able to pass Mother Nature's tests with such a concentrated, balanced, refreshing cuvée.

Located in the Rhône region in southeastern France, the winery of La Grand Comtadine was built in 1929 and had two adjacent hectares of vineyards. The origin of the vineyards on and surrounding the property predate the devastating 1860's blight of Phylloxera. The upkeep of the vineyards was further affected by economic hardship, the First World War and its aftermath.

Denis Cheron, originally from Burgundy's Côtes du Nuits, fell in love with the region and its potential and bought La Grand Comtadine in the 1960's. Using his knowledge of Burgundian winemaking practices, Denis improved the conditions of the vineyards. His efforts were rewarded with healthy, quality grapes that had developed finesse and showed the terroir in the glass. Today Yves, Denis's son, has implemented rigorous vine management, lower yields, hand-harvesting and sorting and equipped the winery with state-of-the-art equipment. The results are wines of quality, in lower quantities, that are truly representative of their terroir.

### ACCOLADES

#### 2019 Wine Enthusiast – 90 Points

*"Flavors of raspberry confiture and spiced plums are concentrated but spry in this blend of Grenache (70%), Syrah (20%) and Cinsault (10%) sourced from clay-limestone soils. Matured in concrete tanks, it's a luminous, fruit-focused wine balanced by fresh acidity and fine, silky tannins. Best enjoyed now–2025."* –W.E.

