

# Côtes du Rhône

## Region

AOP Côtes du Rhône

## Winemaker notes

The 2016 vintage in the souther Rhône is being heralded as a "near perfect" vintage. Ideal conditions, similar to 2015, were offset by cooler nights, allowing acidities to remain elevated as harvest approached. James Molesworth of Wine Spectator has noted "producers are likening it to the classic 2010, with its powerful fruit but greater emphasis on structure and spine."

## Vintage Notes

**2016 Vintage:** Like much of France, the vintage got off to a slow start, but the Southern Rhône was spared the devastating frosts that impacted many other regions throughout the country. Despite the gradual start to the growing season, warm weather arrived by summer and periodic rain storms kept drought stress at bay. Dry conditions continued through harvest, and temperatures began to cool off by mid September. Yields were generous and quality overall was very good. Wines are structured, with good concentration and fresh, fruit flavours.

Wine	Côtes du Rhône
Estate	Chateau de Montfrin
Vintage	2016
Varietal	80% Grenache, 10% Syrah, 10% Carignan
Region	AOP Côtes du Rhône
Vine Age	25-40 years
Soil	Clay-limestone
Farming	Certified Organic
Fermentation	Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel
Aging	Stainless steel
Alcohol	14%

