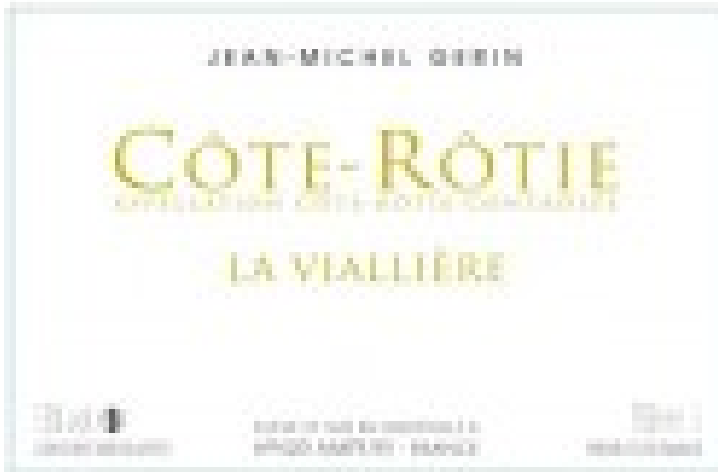


Domaine Jean-Michel Gerin Cote-Rotie "La Vialliere" red 2018



Product price:

€390.00

Product features:

Area: NORTHERN RHONE

Winemaker: Jean-Michel Gérin

Vintage: 2018

Appellation: Côte-Rôtie

Color: red

Unit Price: + 50 €

Size: 75cl

organic or not: sustainable agriculture

Cuvee: La Vialliere

Wine Advocate (Parker): 92-94/100

Cépage dominant: syrah

Product short description:

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Robert Parker's Wine Advocate (Joe Czerwinski, déc. 2019) : 92-94/100. *The 2018 Cote Rotie la Viailliere I sampled was a blend taken from several barrels at the time of my visit. It's medium to full-bodied, creamy and lush, with black olive flavors that finish long and velvety. It has outstanding potential. **Drink date 2022 - 2035.***

Jean-Michel Gerin's sons, Michaël and Alexis, are running the domaine now, presiding over 12 hectares of vineyards in Côte Rôtie. There's a small production of Vins de France (from their own and purchased fruit) and Saint-Joseph (exclusively from purchased fruit). The wines here have been oaky for as long as I can remember, but in vintages when the fruit is naturally ripe and concentrated, they achieve a rich, velvety balance. That's especially evident with the leap in quality from 2016 to 2017 and 2018. According to Michaël, yields are pretty much always 30-32 hectoliters per hectare. "What's important is the concentration of flavor and the quality of the tannins," he said. He described 2017 as "very different from '16, for keeping a long time." While

'16 was "soft, delicate, almost like Burgundy," he said; in 2017, they "had to make a delicate wine from very strong grapes." He made fewer pump-overs to avoid extracting too much tannin, a step that seems to have yielded lovely results. Both the 2017s and 2018s are wines worthy of considerable attention.