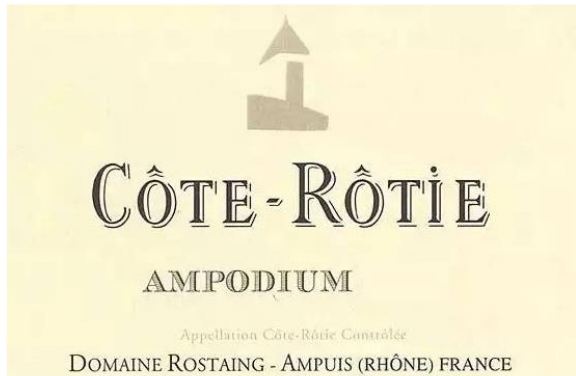


Domaine Rostaing Cote-Rotie "Ampodium" red 2018



Product price:

€342.00

Product features:

Area: NORTHERN RHONE

Winemaker: René Rostaing

Vintage: 2018

Appellation: Côte-Rôtie

Color: red

Unit Price: + 50 €

Size: 75cl

organic or not: sustainable agriculture

Cuvee: Ampodium

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. *Mostly blended but still in barrel, the 2018 Cote Rotie Ampodium is a terrific introduction to the Côte Rôties of Rostaing. Mulberries and licorice appear on the nose, followed by savory notes of espresso and black olives on the medium to full-bodied palate. It's silky, fine and complex, with a long, softly dusty finish. I also tasted a richer, more structured lot from la Viallière that will be blended in, along with a terrific-looking barrel from Leyat that will add floral, raspberry and mocha notes. Drink date 2020-2030.*

Young Pierre Rostaing has been on a roll, making some of the best wines in Côte Rôtie from his family's choice parcels in La Landonne, La Côte Blonde and Côte Brune. It's my impression that

the quality of the blended Ampodium is also reaching new heights, although it cannot compete with the near perfection achieved by the single-vineyard wines. In 2018, Rostaing explained: The months of May and June were wet, but there was enough time between the rain events to allow effective treatments. Come the first week of harvest, given the high temperatures on September 2 (30 degrees to 35 degrees Celsius), Rostaing said that by September 5, the team recognized that they needed to get the grapes into the winery as quickly as possible. The 2018s, said Rostaing, are "rich, aromatic and expressive." The (mostly) bottled 2017s come across as more tannic and muscular than the 2016s, a difference Rostaing attributes to yields that were about 15% to 20% lower than the preceding vintage. The top wines should easily last for two decades. Finally, don't neglect the IGP and Languedoc offerings being made by Rostaing. Sure, by comparison to the family's top offerings from Côte Rôtie, they're mere teasers, but they're tasty, fun-to-drink wines that typically sell for realistic prices.