

# Domaine Pierre-Jean Villa Saint Joseph



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## Côte Rôtie Carmina 2023

*Using grapes from young vines on the Lézardes lieu-dit, the 2023 Côte-Rôtie Carmina comes out showing elegant black cherry, dried herbs and breaths of violets. Black plum adds more aromatic nuance. Structured on a sleek tannic core, the 2023 is a genuinely nuanced Côte-Rôtie that's going to shine even more after two further years in bottle. It finishes with superb overall balance.*

**90 pts**-Nicholas Greinacher, Vinous Media, January 2026

## Côte Rôtie Carmina 2022

*The 2022 Cote Rotie Carmina from Villa, crafted entirely from Syrah sourced primarily from the northern part of the appellation, reveals a dense, complex bouquet of dark berries, violets, spices, pepper and flowers. Medium to full-bodied, harmonious and precise, it's framed by fine-grained, velvety tannins, with a layered, delicate mid-palate that transitions into a refined licorice, gently mineral finish. With 55% whole bunches, this stunning, focused Côte Rôtie was matured for 15 months in large barrels, followed by an additional eight months blended in foudres. It will evolve gracefully over the next two decades.*

**93 pts**-Yohan Castaing, The Wine Advocate, February 2025

## Côte-Rôtie Carmina 2017

*Saturated, bright-rimmed violet. An assertively perfumed bouquet displays mineral-accented black and blue fruit and wisteria scents, and olive, smoky bacon and exotic spice notes emerge with air. In a concentrated yet lively style, offering appealingly sweet, spice-laced cherry, black raspberry and candied lavender flavors that are braced by a spine of juicy acidity. Shows superb clarity and mineral thrust on an impressively long, floral-accented finish framed by fine-grained, slow-building tannins. Made from fruit grown in two parcels in the Côte Brune; 50% whole clusters.*

**94 pts**- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2020

## Côte Rôtie Fongeant 2023

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## Côte Rôtie "Fongeant" 2019

*An elegant Côte-Rôtie that was whole bunch fermented, vinified in tronconic wooden vats.*

**95 pts**- Matt Walls, Decanter, May 2023

*Deep violet color. Blueberry, black raspberry, cola, potpourri and exotic spices on the highly fragrant nose. Offers energetic, palate-staining red and blue fruit preserve, spicecake and floral pastille flavors that convey a suave blend of depth and vivacity thanks to a core of juicy acidity. Finishes very long and smooth, with resonating blue fruit and spice notes and well-judged tannins adding shape and closing grip. Made with two-thirds whole clusters. A smoky, gently tannic finish.*

**95 pts**- Josh Raynolds, Vinous, December 2022

*From a single lieu-dit on this famed, south-facing hillside, the 2019 Côte Rôtie Fongeant is 100% Syrah that was 30% destemmed and aged two years in larger barrels. Classic Côte Rôtie black raspberry and darker berry fruits as well as flowery incense, pepper, iron, and violet notes all emerge from the glass, and this builds nicely with time in the glass, offering medium to full-bodied richness, beautiful tannins, and just a flawlessly balanced, seamless, concentrated, yet elegant style that's a thrill to drink. It will keep for 15 years or more.*

**94 pts**- Jeb Dunnuck, February 2022

## Côte-Rôtie “Fongeant” 2018

*[F]rom old selection massale cuttings planted in 1954. This beautiful vineyard, lying just up the slope from Côte Brune and looking down on the center of Ampuis, is one of the finest lieux à dits in all of Côte-Rôtie. The wine ranges from two-thirds to one hundred percent whole cluster inclusion, and again, I have to suspect it was entirely whole cluster in 2018. The elevage is done primarily in older demi-muids, and in most vintages there are about two hundred cases produced. The 2018 Villa Fongeant also comes in listed at fourteen percent alcohol and delivers a superb young bouquet of dark berries, roasted venison, a touch of hazelnut, a beautifully complex base of stony soil tones, pepper, tapenade and a topnote of bonfire. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and pure on the attack, with a rock solid core of old vine fruit, great mineral drive and grip, firm, well-integrated tannins and a long, vibrant and nascently complex finish. This is a brilliant bottle of old school Côte-Rôtie in the making. 2032-2085.*

**94+ pts-** John Gilman, View from the Cellar, September-October 2020

The following have also reviewed this wine:

**93 pts-** James Molesworth, The Wine Spectator, December 2020

**93-95 pts-** Josh Reynolds, Vinous Media, April 2020