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A jewel of the Northern Rhône, Guigal's Condrieu La Doriane 2023 captures the richness and aromatic complexity of Viognier grown on the appellation's finest granite slopes.

Condrieu Doriane 2022

Northern Rhône, France

95 vinous

Region and Vineyards

Condrieu is a small but revered appellation in the Northern Rhône Valley, exclusively devoted to the Viognier grape. Its steep, terraced vineyards overlook the Rhône River, planted on ancient, decomposed granite soils that are ideal for cultivating Viognier's low-yielding yet intensely aromatic grapes.

Guigal sources La Doriane from five of the most prized parcels within the appellation: Côte Chatillon, Chéry, Vernon, Volan, and Colombier. These plots span the communes of Condrieu, Malleval, and Saint-Michel-sur-Rhône, each contributing a specific mineral signature. The combination of biotite and muscovite granite soils, iron oxides, and varying altitudes enhances the wine's complexity. Vines average **35 years of age**, producing fruit of remarkable concentration and aromatic purity. Yields are extremely low—approximately 23 hL/ha—highlighting the wine's boutique character.

Winemaking

Made from **100% Viognier**, La Doriane is the result of a refined vinification philosophy, combining traditional techniques with Guigal's signature precision. The grapes are hand-harvested and undergo fermentation exclusively in **new French oak barriques**, enhancing texture and broadening the aromatic spectrum.

Following fermentation, the wine undergoes complete **malolactic conversion**, softening acidity and amplifying creaminess. The élevage lasts approximately **12 months** in new oak barrels, lending the wine its characteristic richness, depth, and gentle spiciness. The final cuvée is crafted from small-volume selections, yielding just **around 6,000 bottles**, underscoring its exclusivity.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Viognier

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Brilliant pale golden yellow, with shimmering clarity and subtle green hues.
- **Aroma**: Highly expressive, evoking white flowers, ripe peach, apricot, and acacia blossom, complemented by subtle vanilla, hazelnut, and honeyed nuances.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and voluptuous, yet impeccably balanced. Silky textures unfold over layers of stone fruit, almond cream, and fresh citrus zest. A streak of minerality underscores the wine's origin, while its persistent finish offers a fine interplay of richness and freshness.

Did you know?

Guigal's "La Doriane" is not only a benchmark Condrieu but also a modern icon that helped elevate the reputation of Viognier internationally. First released in the early 1990s, it was among the first single-cuvée Condrieus to fully embrace oak maturation and parcel selection—techniques that were once controversial but now define top-tier expressions of the grape.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Seared scallops with citrus beurre blanc** – the wine's richness and freshness echo the dish's creamy and zesty elements.
- **Foie gras torchon with fig chutney** – Viognier's ripe stone fruit and floral notes harmonize beautifully with the richness of foie gras.
- **Lobster risotto with saffron** – a luxurious match where both wine and dish elevate each other's textural depth.
- **White truffle scrambled eggs** – a decadent yet simple pairing that highlights the wine's aromatic and savory complexity.

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Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 95 Points (2022)

The fabulous 2022 Condrieu La Doriane unfurls with pronounced quince, apricot, vanilla, yellow apple, lemon peel and cedar aromatics. Spring blossom and melon nuances add more layers. Juicy and layered, there's terrific inner energy and balance within this outstanding 2022. It is neither fat nor heavy, but instead totally fresh and refined, finishing with stone fruit and floral-driven persistence. (NG)

95 JEB DUNNUCK

Jeb Dunnuck (JD) : 95 Points (2022)

The 2022 Condrieu La Doriane is slightly more reserved and reticent compared to past vintages, offering a terrific perfume of orange blossom, honeyed flowers, and subtle spicy, mineral nuances. Aged nine months in new barrels, it's medium to full-bodied, has a focused, elegant mouthfeel, and terrific mid-palate depth. It will be better in a year or two and drink beautifully through 2032.

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Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2022)

Oaky, with butter and toast gilding a warm layer of apple, melon and spice notes on a broad frame. Shows savory threads of salt, smoke, fennel seed and crushed rock that line the formidable finish. A well-crafted version, with nice polish and pedigree. Drink now through 2028.

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