



DOMAINE JEAN-MICHEL GERIN

RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE



Domaine Jean-Michel Gerin is a family-owned winery located in the heart of Côte-Rôtie, near the village of Ampuis in the Rhône Valley. Hailing from a family of grape growers, Jean-Michel established his eponymous winery in 1983, the first in his family to make wine. While he sources much of his fruit from family-owned vineyards dating back to his grandfather's time, he has also purchased land

along the way, buying his first vineyard in the famed 'Les Grandes Places' in 1988, followed by a second purchase in 'La Landonne.'

Today, the estate covers a little more than 12 hectares in the Côte-Rôtie appellation and much smaller plots in Condrieu and the northern Rhône, which Jean-Michel farms alongside his two sons, Michäel and Alexis.

- Hand harvested grapes are picked from incredibly steep terraces that sit 650 – 1,000ft above sea level. The influence of the Mediterranean and inland continental climate creates a beautiful microclimate with hot summers and cold winters. These climatic conditions, coupled with the Côte Rôtie's granitic and limestone soils produces wines that are tannic, powerful, silky and elegant.
- Gerin's winemaking method aims for fragrance and sumptuous texture. While new oak is used at various capacities for all the Côte Rôtie, the wines are beautifully integrated so that the fruit remains the true star.
- In 2020, the estate commenced with the process of converting to organic viticulture. Currently, they practice sustainable viticulture and are HVE certified (high environmental value).
- Gerin Côte-Rôtie wines are consistently awarded in the mid-to-high 90's, vintage after vintage and in 2021, was named "Year's Best Northern Rhône Producer" by Wine & Spirits Magazine.



(L TO R): JEAN-MICHEL,
ALEXIS & MICHÄEL GERIN

"La Landonne" Côte-Rôtie
 "Les Grandes Places" Côte-Rôtie
 "La Viallière" Côte-Rôtie
 "Côte-Bodin" Côte-Rôtie
 "Les Eguets" Condrieu
 "Champin le Seigneur" Côte-Rôtie
 Saint-Joseph
 "La Champine" Syrah
 "La Champine" Viognier

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"LA LANDONNE" CÔTE-RÔTIE

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- Jean-Michel purchased the 0.4ha lieux-dit, La Landonne, in 1990 and replanted the vineyard
- 30-year-old vines grown in iron rich, Mica Schist soil with vines that slope on the hillside at a 50% incline facing southeast
- After harvest, the grapes are destemmed and macerated for four weeks
- Aged 22 months in barrique (50% new oak)
- Finesse, balance, and intensity of the wine are supported by supple tannins and aromatic complexity.
- Potent aromas of blackberry liqueur, licorice and floral oils complicated by a peppery note and a hint of vanillin oak
- Dense, round, and seamless on the palate; suave, velvety texture with flavors of dark berry compote and cola; the long, sweet finish features impressive energy, lush tannins and an exotic floral pastille note

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POINTS

2019
WINE SPECTATOR
2/22
"HOT WINES"

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POINTS

2017
JAMES SUCKLING
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"LES GRAND PLACES" CÔTE-RÔTIE

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- In 1988, Jean-Michel purchased this 1.4ha lieux-dit, one of the most famous vineyard sites in the Rhône and the source for Gerin's oldest vines. Some of these vines were planted by Jean-Michel's grandfather and family members in 1924-26, well before they owned land here.
- 50-80 years old vines sit on South and Southeast-facing vineyards at 250-300m a.s.l. Soil is composed of Mica Schist.
- Hand-harvested and picked by descending downhill with a basket strapped behind
- Macerated for 30 days; aged 22 mo. in barrique (50% new oak)
- Huge mouthfeel, a wine with power and sustainability
- Dark fruit liqueur, vanilla and candied violet flavors that are lifted by a jolt of juicy acidity. Youthful, firm tannins build steadily through a strikingly long finish, ending with the blue fruit and floral notes

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"LA VIALLIÈRE" CÔTE-RÔTIE

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- The 1.8ha lieux-dit, La Viallière, is located directly under Les Grandes Places and sits 200-230m a.s.l. on south facing slopes. Vines are 15 years old and are a mix of Massale selection (15%) and clones (85%).
- Soil is composed of Mica Schist
- Hand harvested grapes are destemmed and macerated for 30 days
- Aged in 600-liter barrels (demi-muids), 50% new oak.
- Beautiful notes of red fruits and spices framed by gunflint and black olives
- A complex, intensely perfumed bouquet evokes energetic dark berry, floral pastille, olive, and smoky mineral qualities, while a peppery nuance slowly emerges
- Penetrating & pure; impressive lift and appealing sweetness to the spice-tinged blueberry and cherry cola flavors

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"CÔTE-BODIN" CÔTE-RÔTIE

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- Sourced from a 0.7ha plot in the Côte-Rôtie, located in the middle of the hill on schist soils, with three different exposures: East, South and Southwest
- The eastern exposure of the Côte-Bodin plot provides great freshness and acidity to the wine; vines planted on the southern exposure give power and strong tannins
- Côte Bodin was planted by Jean-Michel in 1987, who rented the land from then until 2018 when he was able purchase the vineyard. Formerly used for blending in the Champin Le Seigneur cuvée, this is now vinified and aged as a unique bottling.
- The wine is aged for 22 months in barrique, 20% new, 80% in 1-3-year-old barrels
- Spice and beautiful maturity from vines planted on the southwestern exposure round out this powerful wine

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"LES EGUETS" CONDRIEU

Condrieu (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Viognier
- Condrieu vineyards lie within in a 9 mile stretch of the Rhône Valley on a winding section of the Rhône River; The appellation name derives from a French phrase meaning "corner of the stream."
- This 2ha single vineyard was acquired in 2010 from Yves Cuilleron, who swapped some land in this prestigious vineyard for some of JM Gerin's prized La Viallière Côte Rôtie
- 10-year-old vines planted on south-facing terraces composed of mostly granitic soil
- Fermentation in stainless steel, followed by aging for 20 months in demi muids (600L oak barrels, 20% new)
- Powerful perfume and heady notes of jasmine flowers mingling with apricot blossom and honeycomb
- Explosion of compote of citrus and apricot fruit quickly followed by some granitic minerality. The acidity balances the wine perfectly

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"CHAMPIN LE SEIGNEUR" CÔTE-RÔTIE

Côte-Rôtie (Rhône Valley), France

- Champin Le Seigneur is affectionately named after the farmer from which Jean-Michel purchased the vineyard plot from. It is a blend of 11 lieux-dits covering 9 ha on red schist and loess soils. Vines are an average of 25-50 years old.
- Lieux dits : Lézardes, Cognet, Gerine, Bourrier, Fourvier, La Brosse, Côte Bodin La Taquière, Fongean, Verenay, Marsanne
- 95% Syrah & 5% Viognier, co-fermented
- Aged 22 months in barrique (30% new oak)
- Smokey violets and red fruit notes gives the wine a softer entry with underlying power and finesse
- More open in the mid-palate, it offers red berry and bitter cherry flavors sweetened by a floral pastille nuance and a hint of cola; Very good lift and focus

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"LA CHAMPINE" SYRAH

Collines Rhodaniennes (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- "La Champine" Syrah VDF is sourced from vineyards in Ampuis, Côte Rôtie, at high and low elevations
- Terroir consists of mica schiste and granite soils
- Ageing takes place 60% in barrels and 40% in stainless steel tanks over 12 months
- Notes of red fruits, fresh, vibrant, and concentrated with supple tannins and a smooth, round finish

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JEAN-MICHEL GERIN

"LA CHAMPINE" VIOGNIER

Collines Rhodaniennes (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Viognier
- "La Champine" Viognier VDF is sourced from a Condrieu vineyard east of the town of Valence
- The soil consists of granite soils
- Vinification is 100% in stainless steel tanks and aged in SS for eight months
- Peaches and exotic fruits aromas; Ready to drink or can be aged an additional three years

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SAINT-JOSEPH

Saint Joseph (Rhône Valley), France

- 100% Syrah
- The terroirs of Saint-Joseph vary considerably in the 30 miles (50km) the appellation covers; The best sites are set on primary rock formations, consisting of gneiss, granite and mica-rich schist, while others are set on limestone outcrops, or the alluvial soils of ancient glacial terraces –these soils each bring their own characteristics to the wines
- Gerin's St. Joseph is sourced from south facing hillside vineyard and composed of granitic soil
- Aged 15 months in 2- to 4-year-old French oak barrels
- Smoky, focused dark berry and violet scents are sharpened by a hint of cracked pepper.
- Juicy and focused on the palate, offering bitter cherry and black currant flavors that show an open-knit character and appealing sweetness. Dusty tannins shape the finish, which hangs on with strong tenacity and repeating florality

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