



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE



Innovation, passion and dedication are what drives Jean-Luc and Anne Colombo, whose contributions to Rhône Valley winemaking are unparalleled. A devotee of the Syrah grape and armed with a pharmacy degree, Jean-Luc and his wife, Anne, opened their wine laboratory in 1984, "Centre Oenologique des Côtes du Rhône" and quickly developed a thriving reputation as a wine consultant throughout France. The Colombo's innovative approach in the northern appellation of Cornas was nothing short of revolutionary. For their significant life-long contributions to their country, both Jean-Luc and Anne have been awarded the French Legion of Honor, France's highest civilian award. An active member of the AOC Cornas Syndicate, Anne was elected President in April 2016, supporting the appellation on all educational, legal and communication matters. Their daughter Laure, a world traveler, brings grace and freshness to the winery and is now the official winemaker.

- The winery, founded in 1984 by Jean-Luc Colombo and Anne Colombo, revolutionized the small appellation of Cornas with modern viticultural vinification practices. Along with adopting eco-friendly farming practices in their vineyards which are certified by Ecocert (EU organic starting with the 2016 vintage), Jean-Luc advises more than 100 producers and travels the world to promote the wines of the Rhône.
- All of Jean Luc Colombo's wines are highly personalized, sourced from Colombo's own vineyards and from carefully selected domains under his direct consultation. Each wine has a special name and custom watercolor label which brings to life a part of the Colombo history.
- The Colombo's & the Taub's have been committed to solving the worldwide decline in bee populations. Their Bee Helpful Program donates a portion of each bottle sold of Les Abeilles to the UC Davis Department of Entomology for research.
- Highly acclaimed wines year after year with more than three hundred 90+ ratings on all Cornas wines.



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO, PROPRIETOR
LAURE COLOMBO, WINEMAKER
ANNE COLOMBO, PROPRIETOR

Cornas

"Vallon de L'Aigle" Cornas
"La Louvée" Cornas
"Les Ruchets" Cornas
"Terres Brulées" Cornas

Southern Rhône Valley

"Les Bartavelles" Châteauneuf-du-Pape Rouge
"Les Abeilles" Côtes du Rhône Blanc
"Les Abeilles" Côtes du Rhône Rouge

Northern Rhône Valley

"Amour de Dieu" Condrieu
"La Belle de Mai" Saint Peray
"Les Fées Brunes" Crozes-Hermitage
"La Redonne" Côtes du Rhône Blanc
"Les Forots" Côtes du Rhône Rouge
"Les Collines de Laure" Syrah

Provence & Languedoc

Cape Bleue Rosé
"Les Girelles" Picpoul de Pinet
Viognier "La Violette"



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CORNAS



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"LA LOUVÉE" CORNAS

Rhône Valley (Cornas), France

- 100% Syrah
- "La Louvée" (The She-Wolf) grapes are sourced from 0.8 hectare (2 acre) of "La Cote," a single vineyard of 80-year-old+ vines. Yield 22 hl/ha; Hand harvested
- The vineyard has been certified organic by Ecocert since 2016
- The wine is aged 22 months in oak barrels (15% new, the rest in 1- to 3-year-old barrels)
- Rich, powerful and complex, with aromas of black fruit and licorice, garrigue, and minerality
- The palate is harmonious and elegant; Exhibits outstanding concentration and structure, with very ripe and elegant tannins; Enjoyable in youth, yet has potential to evolve for two decades

96
POINTS

2018
WINE ENTHUSIAST
10/21
EDITOR'S CHOICE

96
POINTS

2017
WINE ENTHUSIAST
7/20
EDITOR'S CHOICE



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"LES RUCHETS" CORNAS

Rhône Valley (Cornas), France

- 100% Syrah
- "Les Ruchets" (The Beehives) is Colombo's signature wine from the highly-regarded "Chaillot" vineyard; Its first release was in 1987, and since 2016 has been Ecocert (EU) organic
- The vineyard is 2.2 hectares (5.4 acres) on a 38° slope; Vines are 90 years old; Yield 17 hl/ha; Hand-harvested
- Aged 22 months with 15% in new oak with the balance in 1-3 year old barrels
- A complex well-structured palate with ripe tannins

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"TERRES BRÛLÉES" CORNAS

Rhône Valley (Cornas), France

- 100% Syrah
- Cornas is a small French wine appellation located in the No. Rhône region of France that produces only red wine exclusively made with 100% Syrah
- The older, gnarled vines in Cornas are depicted on the label of this wine by artist, painter, illustrator and long-time family friend Marie Annick Dutreil
- "Les Terres Brûlées" (The Burnt Earth) comes from 30-year-old+ vines from 20 different plots (owned since 1990), totaling 4.5 hectares (11 acres); 15-30° slope; Yield 30 hl/ha
- Hand-harvested
- Aged 21 months in 10% new, 85% 1 to 5-year old barrels
- A very elegant wine with great length; Notes of ripe fruits, such as blackcurrant and raspberries, with hints of licorice and coffee
- A very rich mouthfeel with fine-grained tannins

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7/20
EDITOR'S CHOICE

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POINTS

2016
WINE ENTHUSIAST
12/19
CELLAR SELECTION



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

"VALLON DE L'AIGLE" CORNAS

Rhône Valley, France

- 100% Syrah
- The vineyard of "Le Vallon de l'Aigle" (The Eagle Valley) takes its name from the eagles and hawks which fly over this South-facing site
- A micro blend with only four barrels produced, this is the quissential expression of Jean-Luc's savoir-faire in Cornas – it is made only in exceptional years
- The 0.3 hectares (0.74 acres) vineyard has been certified organic by Ecocert since 2016;
- Extremely low yield: only 3 clusters per vines; Vines are 70 years old
- Aged 22 months in 1/3 new oak the balance in 1-3 year old barrels
- Complex, dominant notes of violet and wild raspberry over hints of incense, tobacco and juniper; Very intense and sophisticated palate, with silky yet robust tannins
- This wine can age for decades

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2018
WINE ENTHUSIAST
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POINTS

2017
WINE ENTHUSIAST
6/20
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NORTHERN RHÔNE VALLEY



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"AMOUR DE DIEU" CONDRIEU
Condrieu AOC, France

- 100% Viognier
- 40-year-old vines planted on very steep granitic slopes protected by woods; The vineyards are situated on the commune of Mallevall
- Aged in oak (15% new, 85% 1- to 4-year-old oak barrels) for 10 to 12 months
- A beautifully complex nose, full of apricot and peach aromas and soft spicy notes
- The mouth is intense, rich, powerful and aromatic, with a long and elegant finish

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8/21
EDITOR'S CHOICE

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DOMIANE COLOMBO

"LA BELLE DE MAI" SAINT-PÉRAY
St. Péray AOC, France

- Roussanne, Marsanne
- Saint Péray is the rising star of the Rhone Valley
- This vineyard has been Ecocert-certified organic since 2017
- Roussanne from 80 year old vines is blended with Marsanne, vinified and then aged 10 to 12 months on the lees in oak barrels (10% new)
- Well-balanced and fresh, with an intense floral and fruity nose, with notes of iris, quinces, candied kumquats and hazelnuts; Rich, full and fruity mouth with minerality
- Great potential for ageing

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POINTS

2018
WINE ADVOCATE
12/19



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"LA REDONNE" CÔTES DU RHÔNE
Côtes du Rhône, France

- Viognier, Roussanne
- "La Redonne" (The Round Hill) is vinified in steel vats, then partially matured on lees in oak barrels
- An elegant blend of two noble grapes; Viognier brings finesse and aromatic richness, the Roussanne, strength and roundness
- Exotic flavors of mango and apricot complement honeyed notes, with dried fruit and hazelnuts

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POINTS

2017
WINE SPECTATOR
WEB 2020

90
POINTS

2016
WINE SPECTATOR
11/17



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

"LES COLLINES DE LAURE" SYRAH
Méditerranée IGT, France

- 100% Syrah
- "Les Collines de Laure" (The Hills of Laure) is a blend of grapes from Northern Rhone appellations, with 80% coming from young vines of Cornas and the remainder from St. Joseph and Crozes Hermitage
- Vinified in stainless steel and bottled seven months after the harvest to preserve its fruitiness
- Aromas offer a wide range of ripe red fruits with spicy undertones; Round on the palate with fine grained tannins



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"LES FOROTS" CÔTES DU RHÔNE
Côtes du Rhône, France

- Grenache, Syrah
- Les Forots ("The Forest") is a blend of Syrah from Northern Rhone declassified Cornas vines and Grenache from the Southern Rhone
- Matured for nine months in oak barrels
- Harmonious and elegantly structured with appealing aromas of violets and white flowers which lead to a clean finish dominated by licorice and spices

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POINTS

2017
WINE ENTHUSIAST
3/21



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"LES FÉES BRUNES" CROZES-HERMITAGE
Crozes-Hermitage AOC, France

- 100% Syrah
- Les Fées Brunes (The Brunette Fairies) comes from 60-year-old vines grown on granitic terraced slopes with alluvial soils
- Aged for 18 months in oak barrels (15% new, 85% in 1- to 4-year-old oak barrels)
- On the nose, reminiscent of blackberries and licorice, supported by notes of black pepper
- This wine straddles the Old and New worlds, offering lots of fresh, juicy cherry and black plum fruit against an intense, spicy, mineral background
- Enjoy young or up to five years for more complexity

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POINTS

2018
WINE ENTHUSIAST
6/6/20



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SOUTHERN RHÔNE VALLEY



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"LES ABEILLES" CÔTES DU RHÔNE BLANC

Côtes du Rhône, France

- Clairette, Roussanne
- "Les Abeilles" ("The Bees") wines are named for Jean-Luc Colombo's special connection with bees; his first parcel of land in Cornas had several beehives on it; The Colombos also keep their own hives near their family home in Cornas
- Hand-harvested grapes from vineyards in the heart of the Côtes du Rhône near Cairanne, Rasteau and Vacqueyras
- Clairette is aged in tank, and the Roussanne matures on its lees in oak barrels (2-5 years old) for six months
- Intense floral aromas complement fresh fruit and mineral notes; Complex and round

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POINTS

2019
WINE ENTHUSIAST
5/21
BEST BUY



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

"CAPE BLEUE" MÉDITERRANÉE ROSÉ

Méditerranée IGT, France

- Syrah, Mourvèdre
- Jean-Luc Colombo came back to his roots near Marseille for his latest venture—Cape Bleue Rosé
- The vines grow on calcareous rocks overlooking the Mediterranean Sea with a landscape composed of olive trees and garrigue (wild herbs)
- Produced using the traditional saignée method
- Seductive, fresh and full of finesse; Subtle hints of peach, rose petal, watermelon, and tropical fruit
- The palate shows a dry style, round and full of finesse with notes of fresh berries

90
POINTS

2021
WINE ENTHUSIAST
4/22
#3 TOP 100 BEST
BUYS OF 2022
10/22

90
POINTS

2020
WINE ENTHUSIAST
6/21
BEST BUY



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

"LES ABEILLES" CÔTES DU RHÔNE ROUGE

Côtes du Rhône, France

- Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre
- Les Abeilles ("The Bees") wines are named for bees that thrive on all Colombo's vineyards, exemplifying his healthy, natural and sustainable approach to vineyard management
- A lovely, food-friendly wine from ancient Rhône Valley terraces
- Refined in tank for ten months
- Seductive red fruit aromas, coriander and bay leaf lead to licorice and spice on the palate; Fresh, silky, with a persistent finish

90
POINTS

2019
WINE SPECTATOR
8/21
BEST VALUE

90
POINTS

2018
WINE ENTHUSIAST
5/21
BEST BUY



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO

"LA VIOLETTE" VIOGNIER, PAYS D'OC

Languedoc, France

- 100% Viognier
- "The Violette" is named for its wild flower bouquet: possessing delicate aromatics notes of peaches, dried fruit and white flowers
- Viognier is a white-wine grape variety known for producing textural, aromatic wines with pronounced stonefruit flavors
- From low yield vineyards, this wine expresses the typicity of its terroir with elegance and character
- The wine undergoes controlled fermentation and maceration at 59°F, then 80% is matured in stainless steel vats, and 20% in oak
- Intense aromas of acacia, yellow peaches and exotic fruits
- Very elegant and harmonious, with appealing freshness



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"LES BARTAVELLES" CHÂTEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE ROUGE

Châteauneuf-du-Pape AOC, France

- Syrah, Grenache, Mourvèdre
- From one of the best terroirs in the appellation; Soils are pebbly and sandy, formed mostly from ancient riverbeds and the Mediterranean climate is the driest of all Rhône appellations
- Traditionally matured for 18 months in large casks with a small portion in smaller, 1-to 2-year old oak barrels
- A powerful, full-bodied wine, with aromas of ripe fruit, licorice and sweet spice
- Palate delivers mature, rich, velvety tannins and good structure; The finish is long and fresh
- Can be aged for 15 to 20 years

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POINTS

2019
WINE ENTHUSIAST
10/21



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"LES GIRELLES" PICPOUL DE PINET

Languedoc, France

- 100% Picpoul de Pinet
- "Les Girelles" is named after a local Mediterranean fish, the Rainbow Wrasse; This wine's delicate balance very well complements this fish
- Vines are planted on stony limestone soil on a plateau surrounded by pine forests overlooking Lake Thau; The climate has maritime influences
- Mediterranean vegetation (thyme, lavender, live oaks, pine trees) surrounds the vineyards
- The wine undergoes controlled fermentation and maceration at 65°F, 100% in stainless steel tanks
- Elegant, dry style with subtle, perfumed notes including white flowers; A rounded and fresh mouthfeel with good structure



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