



DOMAINE VERNAY

Collines Rhodaniennes 'Le Pied de Samson'

The wines of Domaine Vernay are the true representation of the soul of Condrieu, bottles that tell a complete and engaging story of this fabled appellation: its beginnings, its rebirth and its triumph as the ultimate expression of the northern Rhône's native white grape, Viognier. Founded in the late 1930s, this estate claims as its crown jewel the steeply graded, granite slopes of the 'Coteau de Vernon,' home of some of the appellation's oldest vines and the beating heart of the Vernay portfolio. One of France's top winemakers, Christine Vernay took the reins of the estate in 1996, as its third generation and modern visionary. Now with more than a quarter-century of experience behind her, Christine has welcomed her daughter, Emma, into the fields and cellar.



WINERY: Domaine Vernay

WINEMAKER: Christine Vernay

ESTABLISHED: 1937

REGION: FRANCE • Rhône Valley • Condrieu

APPELLATION: Collines Rhodaniennes IGP

BLEND: 100% Viognier

VINEYARDS: A selection of younger vines planted on the very top of the hill over the village of Condrieu, on granite soils. This plot, at a height of more than 900 feet, previously was part of the Condrieu appellation; a later revision to the law redrew the borders and returned this area to IGP status.

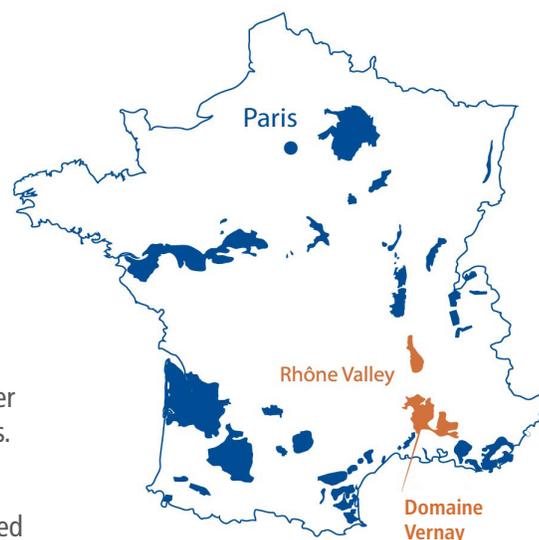
AGE OF VINES: 20 years

WINEMAKING: Hand-harvested in small cases. Full-cluster press; fermented on indigenous yeasts and aged in Stockinger cask (20HL) for 10 months.

TASTING IMPRESSIONS: Aromas of ripe citrus and white peach. Fresh, mineral, lively

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: As an aperitif; with smoked salmon and cream cheese; spring salads

NOTES: The "footprint of Samson" gets its name from the legend in which the giant Samson knelt down to drink from the Rhône river and left his "footprint" not far from the domaine in Condrieu



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