



## DOMAINE VERNAY

### Condrieu 'Les Terrasses de L'Empire'

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:** Condrieu AOC

**BLEND:** 100% Viognier

**VINEYARDS:** A selection of younger vine fruit from lieu-dits 'La Caille' and 'Sainte-Agathe,' located in the heart of the village of Condrieu (and not far from 'Vernon'). Soils are mostly granite with some mica and schist.

**AGE OF VINES:** 35 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested in small cases. Full-cluster press; fermented on indigenous yeasts and aged in large, tapered oak tanks ("tronconiques," 20HL) and older barrels for 10 months.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of lemon blossoms, white peach, apricot stones and fresh almonds. Fresh, energetic, charming

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** As a refined aperitif; with smoked salmon and cream; sushi; fresh goat's cheese



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