



## DOMAINE VERNAY

### Condrieu 'Coteau de Vernon'

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

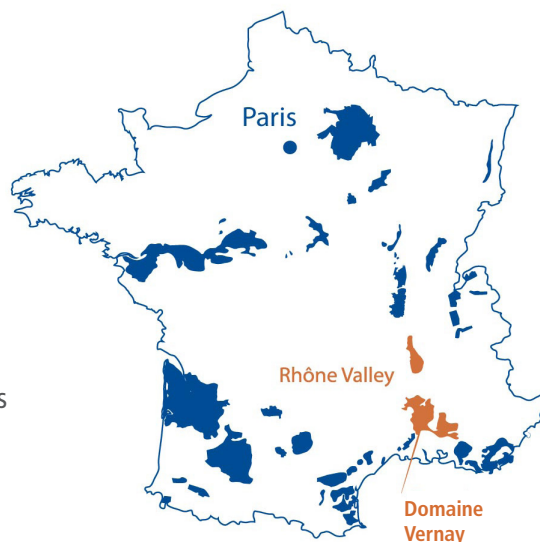
**VINEYARDS:** The legendary 'coteau' or slope of Vernon sits in the heart of the village of Condrieu. This dramatically terraced slope, with groups of vines on very small landings, faces mostly southeast, from nearly the river's edge up to near 900 feet, the highest point of the appellation. Soils are a combination of fine and hard granite with some mica; also dark schist.

**AGE OF VINES:** 50 to 80 years

**WINEMAKING:** Hand-harvested in small cases. Full-cluster press; fermented on indigenous yeasts and aged in Stockinger foudre (15HL) and barrel (10% new oak) for 15 months.

**TASTING IMPRESSIONS:** Aromas of yellow fruit, fresh & confit citrus rind, a touch of pineapple, fresh herbs. Full-bodied yet wonderfully balanced, fresh acidity; white flowers, yellow fruits, incredible length

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** Rich seafood such as lobster or scallops; refined dishes such as roast game in truffled cream; Asian-inspired cuisine



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