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Christophe Pichon

La Comtesse en Côte Blonde 2020 Côte Rôtie

2023-04-21

2024 - 2034

17.5

Dark-fruited aromas underpinned by the sweet scent of jamón. Smoky, plush with damsons, an oily purple-olive savouriness and mouthfeel. Lots of iron-and-rust mineral tension, wet-black-pepper spice, creamy coffee. The tannins are so supple and flowing and glossy that they remind me of a thoroughbred stallion in full, thundering gallop. Impressive, throat-warming, chest-expanding power but with the tenderness and sweetness of roses at the heart. (TC)

Christophe Pichon Viognier 2021

Vin de France

2023-04-21

2022 - 2023

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Light aromas of fruit and very fruity on the palate – more strawberries than the usual Viognier stone fruit. Pretty, fresh, reasonable balance, but no length or layers to speak of. (TC)

Christophe Pichon Tess 2020 Côte Rôtie

2023-04-21

2024 - 2030

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Certified HVE.

Cherry-pie nose. Very herbal although there is a thick overlay of malted, chocolatey, spicy fruit. Creamy, mocha-thick tannins spiked with caraway seeds. The heft of the wine is balanced by the herbs although it finishes hot. (TC)

Christophe Pichon 2021 Condrieu

2023-04-21

2023 - 2025

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Bought-in grapes, vinified and aged by Maison Christophe Pichon. Certified HVE.

Classic, textbook Condrieu. This would be perfect for WSET students! Peaches, purple florals, blueberries and a delicious, close-to-creamy roundness. A tiny bit of peach-skin texture. Lots of fruit with some weight, but lifting acidity and just enough of a nip of Viognier's bitterness to give the wine good length and dimensional structure. Decent length. (TC)

Christophe Pichon Caresse 2020 Condrieu

2023-04-21

2022 - 2024

15.5

Aged in oak for 12 months.

Spice and creamed stone fruit. Not at all flattered by tasting it next to Yalumba's The Virgilius Viognier. The fruit is a bit flat and one-dimensional, falling away very quickly and leaving only caramelised oakiness. (TC)