

2008 Côte Rôtie La Mordorée

Chapoutier, Rhone, France

Product details

Vintage:	2008	Drinking:	Now 2019
Producer:	Chapoutier	Alcohol:	
Region:	Rhone	Variety:	
Country:	France		

Tasting notes

This cuvée's primary source is a very steep, terraced vineyard in the Côte Brune above Ampuis. The soil here is notably more limestone schistous, whereas the old-vine source in the Côte Blonde, more acidic and sandy, provides wine of less dense colour. Pure Syrah (Michel adds no Viognier) grown at minuscule yields from 70 year old vines gives this wine power and spiciness, and perhaps less outright mass than any of the Ermitage sélections.

About the producer

The Chapoutier family motto 'Fac et Spera' (do and hope) is an abiding principle that influences everything at their leading Rhone estate, Maison M. Chapoutier. Here they nurture their vineyards with the greatest respect for natural balance and terroir. They have been employing little intervention since they started growing vines here in 1808 and the result is wines with a faithful expression of place, purity of fruit and ethereal sensation. The art of 'Fac et Spera' requires patience and daring of course. Patience to allow nature to dictate and preside, daring by the winemaker to observe and be led by the wine itself as it develops, choosing when to assist with this process.

