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THIS OFFER HAS NOW SOLD OUT. THE INFORMATION HERE IS PROVIDED TO GIVE SOME BACKGROUND TO STEPHANE VEDEAU AND HIS EXCELLENT WINES.

Les DEUX RHÔNES from Stephane Vedeau

The wines of Les Deux Rhones are produced by the multi-award winning winemaker Stephane Vedeau. He uses the Deux Rhones label for the US market, but a cancelled order meant that he had stock to move at a good price. We were first introduced to Stephane Vedeau back in 2005 when he was working with Claude Serra in the Languedoc. Together they produced an excellent range of varietal wines under the Terre à Verre label and estate bottled wines from Domaine Carnaval. However, Stephane has always been passionate about Grenache and whilst Claude remained in the Languedoc, Stephane also looked slightly further afield, to those areas that have the best Grenache vines.



And where is the world's greatest Grenache produced? Well, without having too much debate, we hope you will agree that it is in Chateaufort-du-Pape. Whilst red Chateaufort can be a blend of up to thirteen grape varieties, Grenache is the key part giving the wine much of its unique character. In the Languedoc, Stephane and Claude searched out the highest vineyards to achieve wines of purity and character that really expressed their *terroir*: In the Rhone, Stephane did just the same and homed in on the village of Courthezon, south-east of Orange, though this was actually not too much of a surprise as the area is home to two of Chateaufort's greatest producers Ch. Beaucastel and Ch. Rayas. He started working with Coralie Goumarre at Domaine Galevan with the aim of making the best possible Chateaufort-du-Pape together alongside a larger volume of Côtes du Rhône Villages.

A former rugby player (with broken nose to prove it!) Stephane has incredible determination and commitment. He still trains intensively for athletics, getting up at 4am each morning, and has two young boys, Mathieu and Theo, to whom he devotes his spare time. In between he is fanatical about his vineyards, where he uses no pesticides or chemical fertilisers, and his winemaking: 'My pleasure is in making balanced wines which represent a real harmony between terroir, fruit, freshness and concentration. This requires spending a lot of time in the vineyards as well as in the cellar, feeling the balance in extraction and in ageing.'



FR3496R Les Deux Rhônes 2006, Côtes du Rhône Villages, France 14% £8.25



The 2006 vintage was almost as successful in the Rhône as the outstanding 2005, 92 versus 95 points on Parker's ratings and this Côtes du Rhône-Villages is particularly impressive. It comes from vines just outside the appellation boundaries of Chateaufort and to this has been added some of the wine from the Chateaufort-du-Pape that was not quite good enough for the *Grand Vin*. The resulting blend has an unusually high proportion of Grenache (60%), with Syrah, the 'improving' variety of the Northern Rhône, making up the balance. This means the wine has more in common with the powerful, structured wines of the adjoining vineyards of Gigondas than a typical, fruity and gluggable Côtes du Rhône. Stephane's approach to winemaking is very traditional and so he has aged the wine in vats rather than oak. The lack of contact with air retains the freshness and purity of the wine and the balance and quality of the raw materials means that it is also deceptively long-lived.

Aromas of ripe berry fruits, black cherries and spicy liquorice. The Syrah also imparts a characteristic and very attractive perfume of violets and freshly ground pepper. Soft and rounded on the palate with a distinct spicy freshness alongside the elegant bramble fruits. The textured, savoury flavours make the wine an ideal partner for roasted meats, especially lamb, and even lightly spiced oriental dishes. Enjoy now through to 2012

FR3505R Les Deux Rhônes 2005, Châteaufort-du-Pape, France 14% £22.95



This is simply superb Chateaufort-du-Pape. It is mostly made up of Stephane's glorious Grenache (80%) with 10% each of Syrah and Mourvedre. The grapes were all hand-picked and the juice was left in contact with the skins almost 5 weeks to extract colour and flavour. After fermentation a small proportion was aged 18 months in oak barrels, but this has only imparted a 'kiss' of oak flavour and the wine remains uncompromisingly traditional and eminently ageworthy. Jancis Robinson rates the wine alongside Ch. Beaucastel and Vieux Telegraphe, wines that sell for a much higher price. Robert Parker gave the wine 90 points, noting: 'This small estate's dedicated, conscientious, young proprietor, Stephane Vedeau, appears intent on making a top-flight reputation for himself... the 2005 has all of the 2006 plus more structure, more density, and a bit more meat and richness to it, making it just slightly more complete and potentially longer lived.'

Complex aromas of red cherry, raspberry, blackberry and notes of paprika and nutmeg. Lovely texture, fine tannins and good freshness. There are ripe, bramble fruit flavours and notes of spicy liquorice, redcurrant and mocha and a long, long finish. A lovely wine to enjoy with red meat dishes, especially game. Now through to at least 2020.

We have been really fortunate to secure a good quantity of Stephane's Rhône wines at advantageous prices. As we pass these savings on to you we can offer these fantastic wines with discounts of up to 25%

Take six bottles of the Côtes du Rhône Villages and save 15% or 12 bottles and save 20% - including Free Delivery. This makes it just £6.99 a bottle delivered to your door. For the Chateaufort-du-Pape we are giving a massive 25% discount on the 3 bottle case.

Whilst we have reasonable stocks arriving from France, we expect to sell out and so strongly recommend early ordering to avoid disappointment.

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