



# RENÉ ROSTAING

**‘René Rostaing is one of Côte Rôtie’s most masterful growers.’**

**- Robert Parker**

**‘Any respectable Michelin wine list: Rostaing. Any elite wine bar: Rostaing. Any conversation surrounding the world’s finest Syrahs: Rostaing.’ -SommSelect**

**Year Founded: 1971**

**Region: Rhone, France**

**Founder/Winemaker:  
René Rostaing/his son  
Pierre Rostaing**

**Fun Fact: Rostaing is one of the two greatest winemakers in Cote Rotie today. The other being Jean Paul Jamet.**

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The Rostaing estate dates to 1971 when René Rostaing— a Notary by trade — began tending a few plots of family vineyards. He had the perfect role model to guide him into a career of classical winemaking: Marius Gentaz, his uncle. Over the next few years, René took advantage not only of his uncle’s mentoring, but of historically low vineyard prices, to acquire a prized half acre each in the Côte Blonde and La Landonne lieux-dits. And when he married, he acquired a second traditional role model, his father-in-law, Albert



Dervieux. Dervieux retired in 1989 and Gentaz followed three years later, giving René a further ten acres of very old vines in some of the appellation’s top sites. This treasury of vineyards launched René’s estate into the stratosphere. The vineyard expansion also enabled René to quit his day job and to devote himself full time to winemaking. Over the next 25+ years, he crafted a sequence of masterful wines that honored the legacy of his illustrious forebearers. In 2015, René’s son, Pierre, took the reins at an estate that boasts 20+ acres of the finest vineyards in and around Côte Rôtie. And, he shares his father’s deep reverence for Côte Rôtie’s traditions. The Rostaing wines rank among the very best of classic Côte Rôtie. They are wines of consistency and sophistication that are true to their origins. And with Pierre Rostaing now in day-to-day control, the future for this estate has never looked brighter.



### 2019/2021 Rene Rostaing Côte-Rôtie Ampodium, Rhone

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100% Syrah. The flagship red, Ampodium is assembled from parcels throughout Côte Rôtie. It is a terrific expression of the appellation, and by itself can rival some of the appellation's best. Traditional vinification, including wild yeast fermentation. Grapes are generally not destemmed. Maceration can vary from 7-20 days depending on vintage. Aged in a mix of 225- and 500-liter barrels (about 7% new). Historically referred to as the Cote Rotie "Classique", Rostaing's Ampodium is elegant, well-balanced and classic! Ampodium refers to the Provençal name for the famed village of Ampuis where the vines are planted.

**92 Points – '21 John Gilman**

**95 Points – '20 Vinous** – *"Supple and appealingly sweet, offering concentrated black raspberry, cherry-cola and violet pastille flavors and a suggestion of star anise. Finishes pliant, sweet and focused on the penetrating finish, showing smooth tannins and excellent tenacity."*



### 2018 Rene Rostaing Puech Noble Le Vassal Rouge, Languedoc

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**"Today, we're all beneficiaries of an aromatically complex powerhouse from Domaine Rostaing, one of France's all-time great interpreters of Syrah. Skipping out on this is like saying 'no thanks' to a genuine \$32 cut of A5 wagyu."**

**"Powerful, perfumed and deceptively affordable. Syrah paradise."**

- Sommelier Mark Osburn

In the late 1990's, René and his wife purchased a property in the Côteaux du Languedoc near Nîmes. The estate, originally named Puech Chaud, is now known as Puech Noble. Located on a small plateau, the ground is covered with galets roulés – rounded stones – very similar to those found in parts of nearby Châteauneuf-du-Pape. At 150m higher than most of Châteauneuf, however, Puech Noble is significantly cooler and offers a fresher character in its wines. The estate gave the Rostaing's a chance to produce Syrah on the limestone soils so beloved by many French growers. Puech Noble is today producing some

of the South's most beautiful wines. 70% Syrah, 15% Mourvèdre, 15% Grenache. Traditional vinification, including wild yeast fermentation. Stem inclusion and length of maceration depend on the vintage. Aged in a mix of 225- and 500-liter barrels.

**91 Points – Vinous** – *"Spice-tinged aromas of black and blue fruits and potpourri pick up subtle licorice and musky earth nuances with air. Juicy black raspberry and boysenberry flavors open slowly, picking up a smoky mineral quality that adds back-end lift and cut. Smooth and sharply detailed on the long, focused finish, where polished tannins add framework and closing grip."*