



Cornas Chante-Perdrix 2023

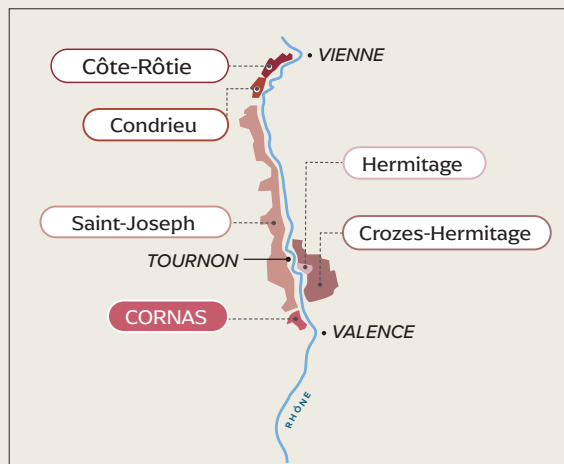
Rhône, France



VARIETALS:
100% Syrah

OVERVIEW

Chante-Perdrix draws its uniqueness from the alliance of two complementary terroirs. One, rooted in the historic heart of the village of Cornas, carries the memory and soul of the appellation. The other, perched at 400 meters in altitude on the upper limit of the appellation, gives the wine striking freshness and vibrant minerality shaped by elevation. The steep slopes of Cornas, facing East and South-East, form a natural amphitheatre bathed in sunlight, offering the vines precious protection from cold winds. Rooted in soils of highly decomposed granite, known locally as gores, and in dizzying terraces supported by sturdy stone walls, the vines draw their strength from this harsh, mineral terroir. Cornas is the last appellation in the Rhône valley where these distinctive granites are found, true markers of its identity.



WINEMAKING

The grapes are harvested by hand and placed in palox. Once destemmed, the berries are transferred by gravity, using small vats, into truncated stainless-steel tanks. Gentle extraction is carried out mainly during the early stages of fermentation, through carefully measured pump-overs and punch-downs. The wine is then aged for 18 months in oak barrels, 20% of which are new, allowing for a gradual refinement of the tannins. 3 months before bottling, the final blend is assembled in stainless-steel tanks to perfect the wine's balance and cohesion.

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POINTS
JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Very powerful and tannic, but also very fresh, this is a bold Cornas that makes a big statement on the very structured palate. Dense and dark with hot dry-earth character, plus black pepper and a hint of soot. Imposing and firm finish. A cuvee of early picked grapes from the bottom of the slope and grapes from a very high-altitude vineyard picked three weeks later. Best after 2027.

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The 2023 Cornas Chante-Perdrix offers black raspberries, cassis, liquid violets, and peppery, floral nuances on the nose. It's medium-bodied, has a pure, layered, elegant mouthfeel, ripe yet still present and building tannins, and a great finish. This is clearly an outstanding, classic Cornas in the making.