

# Saint Cosme Rhône Valley



## **Saint Cosme 2006 Condrieu:**

*“The 2006 Condrieu, a great vintage for this appellation, shows the exotic tropical/lychee fruit, medium to full body, a nice, steely elegance and minerality, and a beautifully textured, deep, full-bodied mouthfeel. These are wines to drink in their exuberant youthfulness as they generally drop their fruit and aromatics at a fast pace, so consume this one over the next several years.”*

92 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côte Rôtie:**

*“The 2006 Côte Rôtie, which comes largely from the Côte Brune vineyard Viallière with another part from Les Plans, looks superb. Dense ruby/purple with sweet tannins, beautiful acidity, fabulous flavor intensity and penetration, and again, great aromatics, this is a terrific Côte Rôtie that should ultimately eclipse the 2005. Anticipated maturity: 2010-2025”*

92-94 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 St. Joseph:**

*“His 2006 St. Joseph exhibits similar weight as well as a certain leanness because of good acidity, but the fruit is gorgeously crunchy and vibrant—mostly cherries and strawberries with a hint of roasted herbs.”*

87-88 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #175 (February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2005 Chateauneuf-du-Pape:**

*“His 2005 Chateauneuf-du-Pape is superb, a blend of 50% old vine Mourvèdre and the rest Grenache, aged in old used small barrels. The wine has a dense purple color and a full bodied style with plenty of tannin and sweet roasted meat smells intermixed with blackberry, licorice, incense, and forest floor. The wine is broad, dense, and in need of 2-3 years of bottle age. It should keep for 20 or more years.”*

92 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côtes du Rhône:**

*“Barruol produces some terrific values from the Côtes du Rhône appellation. His 2006 Côtes du Rhône was made from 100% Syrah that was actually declassified wine from the estate vineyards in Gigondas blended with some stuff he buys from Vinsobres and Rasteau. This is dense ruby/purple, big, deep, and fruity, with loads of blackberry fruit. It is not terribly complex at the moment, but mouthfilling, very supple-textured and corpulent. This wine should drink nicely for 4-5 years.”*

87 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

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## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côtes du Rhône blanc:**

*“The 2006 Côtes du Rhône white, which is a blend of 50% Roussanne and the rest Picpoul, Clairette, and Marsanne, is close to being outstanding. In fact, it is a relatively amazing wine with good orange marmalade notes intermixed with lemon oil, honeyed grapefruit, and other citrus. It is medium-bodied, fresh, lively, and an exceptional bargain in dry white southern Rhône wines.”*

89 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côtes du Rhône Les Deux Albions:**

*“Perhaps his best achievement among the inexpensive wines is his 2006 Côtes du Rhône Les Deux Albions. This is a blend of 50% Syrah, 20% Grenache, and the rest Mourvèdre and Carignan. Already in bottle, the wine exhibits a deep ruby/purple color and a sweet nose of peppery blackberry and cassis, with a hint of exotic flowers and tropical fruits. Remarkably, he blends in 10% of the white grape Clairette to give an almost Guigal Côte Rôtie La Mouline-like floral complexity to the black fruit character. This is a fat, fleshy, delicious wine meant for drinking in its first 3-4 years of life.”*

90 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côtes du Rhône Le Poste:**

*“Even better [than the exceptional bargain 2006 Côtes du Rhône white] is the exceptional 2006 Côtes du Rhône Le Poste made from 100% Clairette with full malolactic. This is a remarkable wine with great acidity, terrific notes of lemon oil, poached pear, and brioche. It is rich, medium to full-bodied, with great finesse, complexity, and delicacy. Clairette doesn't have a reputation for holding up with bottle age, so I would drink this wine over the next several years.”*

91 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

## **Saint Cosme VdP Little James Basket Press:**

*“A real sleeper is his non-vintage vin de table, the Little James Basket Press, which is all from the 2006 vintage. This is a sexy, ripe wine dominated by Grenache and is an amazing value, with oodles of black cherry fruit in a thick, glycerin-emboldened style. It is full-bodied, lush, and ideal for drinking in its first several years of life.”*

88 points-Robert Parker, Jr., The Wine Advocate #173 (October 2007)

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## **Saint Cosme 2006 Saint Joseph:**

*“Briary in feel, with a mix of red cherry, black currant and blackberry fruit backed by cassis bush, sweet tobacco and mineral notes. There’s a nice underlying juicy edge on the finish, where a perfumy hint of black tea chimes in. Drink now through 2012.”*

91points— Wine Spectator Insider (August 13, 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Saint Joseph:**

*“Bright purple. Gamey cassis and dark cherry scents, along with minerals, flowers and spices; this could only be syrah. Fresh and juicy, offering vivid blackberry and black currant flavors, smooth tannins and a persistent cracked pepper character. Barruol thinks this will age extremely well..”*

90-92 points—Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar #136 (January-February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Côte Rôtie:**

*“Opaque ruby. Ripe blackberry and plum aromas are complicated by cinnamon and cracked pepper, along with a strong mineral underpinning. Displays fresher red fruits on the palate, with gentle tannins adding grip and structure. Shows excellent finishing focus and length. According to Barruol, this contains ‘lots of Côte Brune fruit’ and clocked in at just 12.5% alcohol, while the 2005 is 13.5%.”*

92-94 points—Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar #136 (January-February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2005 Chateauneuf-du-Pape:**

*“Inky ruby. Fresh raspberry and kirsch on the nose, with exotic incense, tapenade and lavender notes adding complexity. Deep, brooding better chery and licorice flavors are brightened by juicy acidity. Finishes with impressive grip and thrust, but with a surprising lack of hardness for such a powerful wine with this much mourvèdre.”*

91 points—Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar #136 (January-February 2008)

## **Saint Cosme 2006 Condrieu:**

*“Light gold. Intensely perfumed aromas of vibrant citrus and white peach, dried flowers and dusty minerality. A silky, light-bodied but deeply flavored wine, with sweet pear and candied lemon flavors. Gains depth and power on the close, leaving behind a sappy, peachy quality which maintaining vibrancy. Barruol fears that this might be his last vintage with access to what he considers to be a great vineyard in Malleval.”*

90 points—Josh Raynolds, Stephen Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar #136 (January-February 2008)