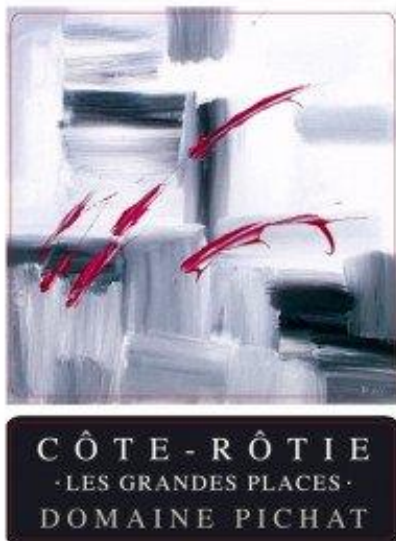


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Domaine Pichat Background

Owner: Stephane Pichat

Country: France

Region: Cote Rotie

Founded: 2000

Annual Production: 1700cs

Description: Third-generation native Stephane Pichat is one of the young superstars of the northern Rhone. He has 10 acres of vineyards in Cote Rotie, spread across multiple parcels each of which is naturally farmed according to the specific needs of each terroir. Since starting his eponymous domaine in 2000 while in his mid 20s, Pichat has garnered extensive acclaim and his bottlings are now Cote Rotie benchmarks.

Wine Notes – 2016 Domaine Pichat Cote Rotie Grandes Places

Les Grandes Places is Domaine Pichat's top Cote Rotie cuvee. Now widely acclaimed as among the finest Cote Rotie's being produced, the grapes are entirely sourced from Pichat's Grandes Places lieu-dit, which is located in the northern, iron-rich schist soils of the Cote Brune sector of the appellation. Pichat's winemaking emphasizes purity and the natural qualities of the grapes, with whole-cluster fermentation and aging in large oak barrels.

Wine Advocate – 93 points / Jeb Dunnock – 93-96 points

Technical Specifications

Varietal Composition:	100% Syrah
Vineyard Region:	Cote Rotie, 100% Grandes Places lieu dit (Cote Brune)
Vine Age / Yields:	40 years on average
Production Volume:	200cs
Vineyard Characteristics:	Iron-rich schist soils, south / south-west exposure
Wine-Making / Vinification:	Hand-harvested, first juice cooled 12 hours 3-4 week whole-cluster fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel, malolactic fermentation in oak barrels, native yeasts 20 months aging in new French oak 400L oak barrels
Alcohol / Volume:	13.5%
Residual Sugar:	<2.0 g/L
pH:	3.87
Acidity:	3.30 g/L

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Fermented with the stems, the medium to full-bodied 2016 Cote Rotie Les Grandes Places reflects that to some extent in its complex aromas of bay leaf, mint, green olives and raspberries. Like the other 2016s from Pichat, it's firm and tannic, yet it seems to have the requisite concentration to age well

Wine Advocate (Joe Czerwinski) – 92 points (October 31, 2018)

The 2016 Cote Rotie Les Grandes Places is also beautifully concentrated, especially in this vintage. From an incredible terroir in the northern part of the appellation, it was fermented with no destemming and will spend two years in new French oak. It gives up sensational notes of black currents, caramelized black cherries, smoked earth, espresso and cured meats. Thick, unctuous and pure with a rounded, opulent texture, it's easily one of the most impressive releases in the vintage. Don't miss it!

Jeb Dunnuck – 93-96 points (September 2017)