

# DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY CÔTE-RÔTIE 'BLONDE DE SEIGNEUR'



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From vineyards located in Semons Parish, Côte-Rôtie Appellation, Northern Rhone, France, in 4 different plots: Coteau de Bassenon, Ampius, Lancement, and Tupin. The vineyards are south/south east facing. The soil is granite on very uneven and steep slopes, where mechanization is impossible. The vines are cared for manually using organic farming techniques. The grapes are harvested by hand, de-stemmed, then placed in temperature controlled stainless steel vats. Barrel fermentation of 3 to 4 weeks. The wine is aged in the same barrels for 18 months.

Founded in 1937, Domaine Georges Vernay is one of the most iconic estates in the Northern Rhône. Christine Vernay took over in 1996 from her father (who saved the Condrieu appellation) and grandfather who created the estate. She has employed organic farming for more than 20 years. In 2006, her brother Luc joined her to manage the vineyards. Managing the vinification process allows her to follow her intuition. Christine grew up on these hillsides and the scent of mint, the taste of acacia and the delicacy of the violets run through her veins. Her constant quest for perfection means reviewing the working methods every year. And work begins in the vines.

Christine Vernay walks the slopes of her hillsides, observing and listening; this is what guides her work in the cellar. Now certified organic, they make some of the best wines the region has to offer.

*"When I create a wine, I'm not looking to impress. A fine wine must enthral."* Christine Vernay

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## Tasting Note:

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## Shelf Talker:

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