

2018 Charles Tyrand RocheGude Cotes Du Rhone Village **Vignobles Charles Tyrand, Southern Rhone Valley, France**



The Wine:

80% Grenache, 20% Syrah from 40–50-year-old vines. Each varietal is fermented separately for 18-20 days with two weeks of maceration on the skins. The wine is aged for twelve months in small French oak barrels. The 2018 had its challenges with a wet and damp June which created problems for the larger scale growers due to mildew and mold. However, the smaller, organic growers such as Tyrand were able to handle the wetness without problems. The quality of the resulting wines was very good.

The Estate:

Vignobles Charles Tyrand is a tiny producer with vineyards in the Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Rhone Villages appellations. Located near the town of Mollans Sur Ouveze, they grow the classic Southern Rhone red varietals of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Carignan in reds and Grenahce blanc, Viognier, Marsanne and Roussanne in whites. The vines are grown without the use of pesticides and range in age from 10 to 80 years old. Total production is below 3,500 cases each year. Winemaker Jean Michel Tyrand oversees the entire production from vineyard to the cellar.

Tasting Notes:

Color: ruby-maroon

Aromas: fresh cherries, blueberries and hints of tea leaves

Flavor & Texture: ripe blue and red berries with subtle white pepper. Medium bodied with mild tannins yet rich and substantial on the palate

Food Pairing: a classic country French coq au vin

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