

Producer: Domaine Grand Nicolet, Article: LE MILLÉSIME... The 2016s from the Southern Rhône (Part 1)

Vintage	Wine	Color	Rating	Price	Reviews
2017	Domaine Grand Nicolet Côtes du Rhône	○	89-91	\$10	1
2017	Domaine Grand Nicolet Rasteau Terre des Bertrand	○	90-92	\$14	1
2017	Domaine Grand Nicolet Rasteau Vieilles Vignes	○	90-92	\$18	1

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2017 Domaine Grand Nicolet Rasteau Vieilles Vignes

The old vine cuvée is the 2017 Rasteau Vieilles Vignes, based on 70% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and 10% Mourvèdre that's brought up in older barrels. Blackberries, toasted spice, smoked earth and licorice notes all flow to a rich, powerful, concentrated Rasteau that has ripe, present tannins and a great finish. It's certainly going to be an outstanding wine.

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2017 Domaine Grand Nicolet Rasteau Terre des Bertrand

The 2017 Rasteau Terre des Bertrand comes from two terroirs (a higher elevation parcel and the vines that normally go into the Les Esqueyrons cuvée). Its inky purple color is followed by an elegant, ripe, sexy red that has lots of black raspberries, blackberries, ground herbs, and spice. It has a distinct floral note with time in the glass, is medium to full-bodied, has sweet tannins, and a great finish. It's another great value.

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2017 Domaine Grand Nicolet Côtes du Rhône

The 2017 Côtes du Rhône is a value-priced blend of 60% Grenache, 20% Syrah, and the balance equal parts Cinsault and Carignan. It's a smoking Côtes du Rhône loaded with sweet red and black fruits, garrigue, and saddle leather aromas and flavors. Supple, forward, and sexy, it's a great example of the vintage.

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