



Thibaud Chaume

Domaine Chaume-Arnaud

VINSOBRES

The appellation of Côtes du Rhône Villages St-Maurice is almost extinct. Aside from the local *cave cooperative*, just two producers bottle any wine under this name; one of them is Domaine Chaume-Arnaud. Most of what

Below: harvesting grapes at Domaine Chaume-Arnaud

Chaume-Arnaud makes is Vinsobres, however – a more familiar name, but appellations like these still serve more as bushel than lighthouse. I can think of no other reason this estate isn't better known, since its wines are so reliably good.

It is now in the hands of Thibaud Chaume, whose parents Philippe and Valérie converted the estate to biodynamics in 2003, achieving certification in 2009. Their St-Maurice is wild and mouthfilling, their Vinsobres more refined and refreshing thanks to 20% Cinsault in the blend. Their Vinsobres La Cadène, containing more Mourvèdre, is deeper and more ageworthy. And their white wines are as good as their reds.



Domaine Chaume-Arnaud, Vinsobres 2017 92

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Brambly black cherry, gently perfumed and with fresh aromatics. This is deep and fairly concentrated, but not heavy. There's a light tannic load on the mid-palate, but it has some gentle grip on the finish. Nicely balanced, it's a very drinkable and measured Vinsobres, being a biodynamic blend of Grenache, Syrah, Cinsault, Mourvèdre and Counoise. Fermented and matured in concrete, with no oak maturation. **Drink 2021-2025 Alc 14.5%** ➤

