



# DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY Les Chaillées de l'Enfer 2019



## Country

France

## Region

Northern Rhône

## Appellation

Condrieu AOC

## Winemaker

Christine Vernay

## Varietal Blend

100% Viognier

## Alcohol Content

13.5%

## HISTORY

Founded by Francis Vernay in 1937, Domaine Georges Vernay is located in the heart of Condrieu. The efforts of Francis Vernay were instrumental in the creation of the official Condrieu appellation in 1940. Francis was succeeded by his son Georges, who played a key role in restricting the geographical boundaries of Condrieu. In 1996, Christine Vernay, Georges's daughter, took over as winemaker and General Manager of the Estate. Recognized as one of the great winemakers in France, several of her wines have recently been awarded the coveted 100/100 in top wine publications. This wine is a nod to Christine's influence and her daughter, Emma, who is now an integral part of her winemaking team.

"Chaillées" comes from the regional dialect, meaning 'rocky' and refers to the stone walls that form the terraces of the plot. Visitors are often heard saying *On est à l'Enfer*, meaning "We are in Hell," due to the intense heat endured on the vineyards' south facing plots. Hence, the name of the wine, which loosely translates to: The Rocky Walls of Hell.

## VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

Sourced from a 2ha vineyard with 60-year-old vines, planted on southeast facing terraces on biotite granite soils. The vineyard is located in Condrieu, the original center of the appellation. Fermentation begins in barrels of 225L after static, temperature controlled must settles. The fermentation takes between 4 to 5 weeks. Wine then ages in oak barrels (25% new) on fine lees for between 12 and 18 months, with regular stirring of the lees.

## TASTING NOTES

Slight saline effect, apricot fruit, vine peaches, exotic fruits, slight elegant bitterness.

## ACCOLADES

95

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