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Cotes du Rhone Vinsobres Chaume-Arnaud 2016



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Single village wine from a tiny family estate. Organic/Biodynamic/Vegan, big, youthful & awesome!

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Description: Youthful, Biodynamic, Organic & sustainable agriculture red from the Village of Vinsobres in the Southern Rhone. Grapes are Syrah (Shiraz) Grenache, Cinsault & Mourvedre.

Phillipe & Valerie Chaume Arnaud make great wine. Drink now with red meats, roasted veg, spicy bean caserole, pies, you name it, as long as it is tasty! Alternatively, you could cellar for 10 years, yes, it is that good.

This wine was the reason I set up Great Grog all those years ago (1999). I was working for Oddbins (a formerly great UK-wide Wine Merchant Chain) whilst studying for my Master of Wine. I tried this wine in the Caledonian Hotel (Edinburgh) at a Cotes du Rhone wine promotional roadshow of small producers. What struck me was the ingrained dirt in the winemakers hands. This was no "marketing chappie", Phillipe was the real deal.

Having returned to the Oddbins shop in the West End of Edinburgh (Queensferry Street) after my brief wine/lunch break I phoned the oddbins buyers and mentioned this producer and how genuinely great the wines tasted. Their response was "are you trying to tell us our job?"

After seething for a little while I decided to self-employ and after 6 months I had left Oddbins. Guess which wine was the very first one I sold?

21 years later Oddbins has gone bust twice and I am fortunate enough to still be serving the nation with wines I like. Cheers, Richard