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The Legend of Château-Grillet

Château-Grillet is a tiny French appellation in the northern Rhône located within the boundaries of Condrieu. It is also the name of the appellation's sole producer, uniquely making it the only winery in all of France to be an AOC unto itself.

As with Condrieu, Château-Grillet likewise produces only Viognier. However, the *terroir* of Château-Grillet is considered so unique it was granted its own AOC back in 1936 in order to distinguish it from the rest of Condrieu.

To this day, Château-Grillet continues to be revered as one of France's greatest white wines produced outside Burgundy or Bordeaux. Despite this, Château-Grillet flies under the radar of most here in the US. Its anonymity stems from the fact that: (1) it receives surprisingly little domestic press (the last vintage to be reviewed by Parker, for instance, was 1994); and (2) with total production of under 800 cases per year, there's simply not much to go around. If a retailer gets more than a case a year, that's considered a good allocation. Accordingly, nobody promotes it.

Until we did recently...

A few months ago, many of you will recall us offering out what we deemed to be "decent" quantities of the 2004 and 2005 vintages. Unfortunately, we way underestimated demand and orders far exceeded our stock on hand, leaving many of our customers completely shut out.

Well, the good news is, we got more. The bad news is, not *that* much more. However, it's enough to send out this offering and give those of you who missed out the first time a second chance.

As with last time, we purchased these through a direct source, so provenance is pristine. In addition, we got them at great pricing, so much so that we're able to offer both wines through this exclusive email at an unheard of **50% off list price.**

We expect these wines to once again go fast, especially considering our small quantities, so please place your orders early. **Limit 6 bottles each per customer.** Wines are now in stock.

2005 Château-Grillet Vin Blanc - email special \$62.50 (list \$125)

91 points Josh Reynolds, *International Wine Cellar*: "Mineral-laced scents of orange, pear and white flowers, plus a subtle spicy quality. Light and precise, offering tangy citrus and honeysuckle flavors, with dusty minerality adding energy. Brisk and graceful, with very good finishing cut. I like this wine's lithe character..."

2006 Château-Grillet Vin Blanc - email special \$62.50 (list \$125)

The World of Fine Wine: "There's a sweetness of fruit on the nose that is almost confectioned, but it also has a charm and lift unexpected in a five-year-old Condrieu. Soft on the attack... it also has admirable concentration and weight of fruit, as well as sufficient acidity to prevent it from sagging on the finish..it has presence and personality, and could survive an onslaught of mature hard cheeses."

Cheers,

Woodland Hills Wine Co.





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