Famille Perrin 'Les Crus',
Vacqueyras `Les Christins` 2021
Southern Rhône, France

PRODUCER

Famille Perrin is one of the most recognisable names in the Southern Rhône. The fifth and sixth generations of the family now manage the extensive vineyard holdings and grower partnerships which stretch across the region, from Vinsobres to the Ventoux. The Famille Perrin 'Les Crus' range highlights the diversity of certain Southern Rhône Crus, chosen for their distinctive soils and characters.

VINEYARDS

The Vacqueyras 'Les Christins' is sourced from eight hectares of old vines, with an average age of 50 years, managed by the Château de Beaucastel team. The vines are Grenache and Syrah co-planted and are situated to the south of the Dentelles de Montmirail, where the soil is rich in clay and sand with stony terraces. This mix lends this wine a powerful intensity lifted by supple, expressive fruit.

VINTAGE

2021 was a challenging vintage, requiring diligence in the vineyard to adapt to the variable weather conditions. Winter was mild, followed by spring frosts before a dry mid-spring and a cool summer. The team's careful vineyard management resulted in balanced and concentrated fruit, with excellent freshness.

VINIFICATION

Harvest dates for this Grenache and Syrah co-planted site were based on the maturity of the Grenache, with the Syrah being harvested very ripe. The grapes are picked by hand. In the cellar they were sorted, crushed and vatted. The Grenache and Syrah were co-fermented, with gentle extraction by manual punch downs. Following malolactic fermentation and blending, the wines were aged in foudres and barrels for one year.

TASTING NOTES

On the nose, this wine offers beautiful complexity with aromas of "garrigue" (local herbs) and ripe, red cherry and blackberry. The palate is opulent, but well balanced with silky tannins and hints of black pepper and liquorice.

Grape Varieties	**75% Grenache**
	25% Syrah
Closure	**Natural Cork**
ABV	**14%**
Residual Sugar	**0.7g/L**
Acidity	**4.96g/L**
Wine pH	**3.61**
Bottle Sizes	**75cl**