featured flight of the week syrah

\$30 per flight 2021 Dauvergne Ranvier | Crozes-Hermitage, No. Rhòne \$18|\$65 [extra 20% off bottles to go]



dark fruit | peppery | plush ∻ stainless + neutral oak

Deep-hued Syrah bursting with blackcurrant, wild blackberry, and cracked pepper. The palate balances plush fruit and savory notes of olive tapenade, graphite, and violet. Mediumbodied with bright acidity and silky tannins, it finishes long with a lift of minerality and spice.

The 2021 vintage in the Northern Rhône brought cooler temperatures and more rainfall than usual, yielding red-fruited, elegant wines with restrained alcohol and lively tension. Expect freshness and finesse overpower — a classic, quietly expressive Crozes.

100% Syrah from stony terraces and red clay soils. Hand-harvested, destemmed, and fermented in stainless steel to preserve aromatics and purity of fruit. Aged primarily in tank with minimal oak to let terroir and varietal character lead.

Dauvergne Ranvier is a Rhône partnership between François Dauvergne and Jean-François Ranvier, known for close work with small growers and terroir-true bottlings. Their Crozes-Hermitage 'Grand Vin' channels the energy of northern Syrah without the heaviness — elegant, focused, and refreshingly unpretentious.

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\$30 per flight 2018 *Dom. Rostain 'Les Lézardes'* | *Côte Rôtie, No. Rhône* \$28|\$100 *[extra 20% off bottles to go]*



smoky | silky | savory ♦ neutral oak-aged

A Northern Rhône masterclass in savory elegance. Blackberry and black plum meet smoked violets, cracked pepper, and that signature olive brine note Rostaing fans get smug about. Silky texture up front, mineral backbone underneath, and the kind of finish that makes you rethink what "entry level" even means. A fresher, lifted style in 2018, showing purity of fruit, high-toned aromatics, and restrained tannin. Native-yeast fermentation followed by aging in older barrels [neutral oak] so the fruit, florals, and savory Rhône spice stay clean and unmasked.

René Rostaing is one of Côte Rôtie's most respected traditionalists, with tiny parcels across some of the region's best schist slopes. Les Lezardes pulls from younger vines and parcels just outside the cru, giving the style without the price tag: savory, whisper-smoky, precise.

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\$30 per flight 2019 *Pax Wines 'Sonoma-Hillsides'* | *Sonoma County, CA* \$40|\$144 *[extra 20% off bottles to go]*



violet | wild | thyme ♦ concrete + neutral oak

A wild, high-energy California Syrah that tastes like someone spiked blackberry compote with black pepper, violets, smoked herbs, and crushed granite. Dense but not heavy, savory but still juicy, and unmistakably Pax in its electric, whole-cluster swagger.

2019 gave concentrated fruit with excellent natural acidity, so the wine feels simultaneously deep and lifted. Structure without weight.

Mostly whole-cluster fermentation for that spicy, stem-driven lift, then aged in neutral oak and concrete [no new oak] to keep the texture bright and the aromatics explosive.

Pax Mahle is California's king of serious, low-intervention Syrah. Sonoma Hillsides is his cult bottling: tiny production, fruit from rocky, windswept vineyards, and a commitment to letting site and whole-cluster tension speak louder than oak.