



FIRST FLIGHT

2020 Syrah Domaine Graeme & Julie Bott

Grapes Syrah
Colour Red
Origin France, Rhône
District Northern Rhône
ABV 13%

Tasting notes

Vibrant mid crimson. Pepper and fruit and satin texture. Very true northern Rhône. Long and satisfying (if you like Côte Rôtie). VGV Drinking range: 2024 - 2030 Rating: 17 Jancis Robinson OBE MW - www.JancisRobinson.com (Oct 2023)

The new vintage of Graeme and Julie Bott's Syrah is simply sensational. There is so much class, expression and succulence in this wine it is, frankly, unbelievable. Openly modelled on a Côte-Rôtie template but already drinking with sensational complexity and verve, I cannot stress enough that everyone who reads this note ought to strain every sinew to taste this wine. Matthew Jukes, Moneyweek (Apr 2022)

This syrah may be light on structure, but it's big on charm! Big damson-plum and sour-cherry aromas, plus some pepper and spice make this immediately appealing. Very appealing balance of bright fruit, a touch of supple tannin and lively acidity. Plenty of herbal and spicy notes at the surprisingly long finish. Drink now. Drinking range: 2022 - Rating: 91 James Suckling, www.jamessuckling.com (Apr 2022)

Domaine Graeme & Julie Bott

A love story and a bit of good fortune; a love of the Syrah grape that led Graeme to the Rhone and the love of his life Julie, who came together whilst working at the prestigious cellars of Stephane Ogier. Theirs is a back story of adventure and spirit and one of serendipity too.

Our relationship with the pair stretches back some 8 years or so, when we often stopped and shared a beer after the *Marché aux vins* in Ampuis every January, it was no surprise when they told us they were setting out on their own journey.

The surprise came when they discovered that the house they had purchased in Verin, complete with 0.35 hectare of garden, was within the appellation of Condrieu, between the in-demand Coteau de Chéry and the illustrious Chateau Grillet. Graeme & Julie like to pick early to capture the freshness, the wines tend to be expressive, bright and pure.

Watch the videos: Domaine G&J Bott

(<https://www.youtube.com/embed/iUx5BSGHkE4>) or Condrieu Lieu-Dit L'ALEAU

(https://youtu.be/B0_xRrs1IKE).