

GABRIEL MEFFRE

# Côtes du Rhône Villages

2016

"Ruby red colour with an expressive red fruity notes (blackcurrant and plum). The palate is complex and well-balanced with notes of spices and liquorice, and smooth tannins. Excellent now, this wine can be cellared for 4 to 5 years of age."

## Vintage

After a mild and dry winter, a spring without frost and a particularly hot summer, harvesting began several days later than 2015, with picking taking place between early to late September. During the harvest, weather conditions were truly exceptional, with warm clear days, fresh nights and some occasional light rainfall, stretching from early September all the way until the end of October. The sanitary state of the grapes throughout the region was excellent. So, this year again, the 2016 vintage is very qualitative particularly for southern appellations.

## Grape varieties

Grenache noir, Syrah

## Terroir

These soils range from claylimestone to sand, producing full, generous and fruity wines.

## Winemaking

Harvest starts once the berries have reached their optimal maturity. The grapes are sorted and destemmed. Traditional vinification.

## Service & food pairing suggestions

Ideal with red grilled or stewed meat and poultry. Perfect match with vegetarian lasagne or Chili con carne.