



**VIDAL-FLEURY**

Maison fondée en 1781

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## **92-94** 2009 Côte-Rôtie la Chatillonne Cote Blonde

*The finest wine in Vidal Fleury's portfolio appears to be the 2009 Cote Rotie La Chatillonne. Again co-fermented with 10% Viognier, the 2009 exhibits an exotic perfume of sweet lychee nuts intermixed with black raspberries, black cherries, forest floor and spring flowers. Dense, opulent and voluptuously textured with excellent fruit as well as medium to full body, it should drink nicely for a decade or more.*



## **89** 2007 Côte-Rôtie la Chatillonne Cote Blonde

*The 2007 Cote Rotie La Chatillonne (includes 10% co-fermented Viognier) exhibits a dark ruby/plum color along with a sweet nose of kirsch liqueur, raspberries, licorice and spring flowers, supple, silky tannins, medium to full body and a lush, heady finish. Enjoy this fully mature 2007 over the next 7-8 years.*



## **89** 2007 & 2008 Condrieu

*Both the 2007 and 2008 Condrieu are very good efforts, with the 2007 more exotic, showing greater fragrance, better overall balance and a hint of minerality. The 2008 is delicious, but it is more one dimensional and not as complex as its older sibling.*



## **88-90** 2009 St.-Joseph Blanc

*The quality rises considerably with the Burgundy-like 2009 St.-Joseph Blanc. It offers lots of citrus oil, brioche, honeysuckle and orange blossom characteristics in a medium-bodied style with more minerality and crispness.*



## **88-90** 2009 Côte-Rôtie Brune et Blonde

*Far more promising is the 2009 Cote Rotie Brune et Blonde. While it does not reveal the depth and richness I would have expected in this vintage, it reveals sweet tannin, abundant raspberry and berry fruit as well as 8-10 years of drinkability.*



## **88-90** 2009 St.-Joseph

*The opaque ruby/purple-colored 2009 St.-Joseph possesses abundant licorice, black raspberry, black cherry and crushed rock notes. It is significantly better than the one-dimensional, pleasant 2007 St.-Joseph.*