

# 2015 CHARLES TYRAND SIGNATURE

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## VIGNOBLES CHARLES TYRAND, COTES DU RHONE, FRANCE



### THE WINE:

80% Syrah and 20% Grenache from two small plots near the Tyrand Estate. The Syrah comes from vines averaging 65 years old and the Grenache from a two acre plot of 100 year old vines. The juice is macerated on the skins for 25 days prior to being aged for 15 months in 50% new French oak. The wine-making is a collaborative effort by Jean Michel Tyrand and his longtime friend and wine consultant Philippe Cambie. Only 2,400 bottles were made in 2015.

### THE ESTATE:

Charles Tyrand is a tiny producer with vineyards in the Cotes du Rhone and Cotes du Rhone Villages appellations. Located near the town of Seguret, they grow classic Southern Rhone red varietals of Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre, Cinsault and Carignan. The vines are grown without the use of pesticides and range in age from 10 to 80 years old. The winemaker is Jean Michel Tyrand, a fourth generation grower and producer in the southern Rhone. World famous wine consultant Philippe Cambie, an old rugby playing friend of Jean Michel, is the consulting winemaker. Total production is below 3,000 cases each year.

### TASTING NOTES:

**Color:** deep ruby-crimson

**Aromas:** spiced red berries with hints of dried herbs lead to candied cherry and violets

**Flavor & Texture:** round and very rich on the palate with red fruit and spice; the tannins are soft and mouth-filling

**Food Pairing:** Provençal beef stew with fingerling potatoes, carrots, onion and wild mushrooms

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