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Press release



### **2019 Chemin de Moscou: one more step on the road to excellence**

**Since its first vintage in 2004, Chemin de Moscou encapsulates the ultimate offering by Domaine Gayda. Drawing on the age of its vines and experience of the team, the 2019 vintage is an ever more faithful rendition of a story and quest for excellence.**



26 June 2019 was a red-letter day at the 67 Pall Mall club in London where Domaine Gayda hosted a comparative tasting of samples from the 2018 vintage matured in nine vessels of varying sizes, materials and therefore differing porosity to oxygen. From the 2000 litre oak 'foudre' to the concrete egg and sandstone or clay amphorae, the vessels interacted with the wine in significantly different ways. Some of Britain's most celebrated critics were invited to

taste them and deliver their verdict. Each vessel was analysed on its ability to enhance the complexity of aromatic expression, length on the palate, tannin integration and ageability. Their conclusions became a source of inspiration for maturing the 2019 vintage.

Chemin de Moscou is Domaine Gayda's iconic label, consistently blended from two thirds Syrah, just under a third of Grenache and a trace of Cinsault. Just as important as the varietal range are the outstanding vineyard sites that converge in the blend. In the Roussillon, Vincent Chansault, the winemaker who crafts the estate's wines and Tim Ford, its director, have focused on vineyard blocks planted on limestone between Estagel and Calce, schist near Latour de France and high elevation sites in Saint-Martin de Fenouillet. ~~Lastly~~, La Livinière, another prime area for growing Syrah, this time in Languedoc, adds another important building block to the blend, lending it a saline touch, the hallmark of its limestone soils, right through to the Grenache and Cinsault that it also contributes. The balance in the Syrah stems from the cool vineyards of Brugairolles, at the estate itself.

Year after year the formula remains unchanged, as does the label and the name of the wine, a tribute to the 'L'arbre de Moscou' tree which stood at the highest point on the estate and long served as a landmark for the Aéropostale pilots. Despite this continuity, there is no denying that every year Chemin de Moscou edges closer to perfection. This is not only due to vintage variation – the balance within its structure seems to become more honed whilst the definition of its bouquet increasingly comes into sharper focus.

Since the estate was created in 2003, the newly planted vineyards planted have had now nearly twenty years to grow and put down roots; the Syrah vines in the Roussillon are even more venerable, with forty years under their belt. They offer an aromatic spectrum and a rendition of the soils on the palate which gains in complexity and depth year-on-year. With every vintage, the Gayda team have been able to drill down and gain an increasingly precise understanding of each vineyard ~~block~~, narrowing the window for harvesting and choice of winemaking procedures.

*"The 2019 Chemin de Moscou is the result of the hard work and devotion in the vineyards and winery complimented, by the findings of our experiments with the nine maturation vessels, making it the most accomplished example so far in our quest for excellence with this wine",*  
Vincent Chansault

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