

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Cave Yves Cuilleron, Chavanay

Côte Rôtie Bonnivières



Grower

Yves Cuilleron took over the reins as the 4th generation vigneron in 1987. He is based in Chavanay, just south of Condrieu. Yves is a totally driven man with a growing family and a part share with other top growers in vineyards on the eastern side of the Rhône. He has around 75 hectares split as follows; 8 ha Côte-Rôtie, 12 ha Condrieu, 7 ha white Saint-Joseph, 20 ha red Saint-Joseph, 1 ha white Crozes-Hermitage, 3 ha red Crozes-Hermitage, 3 ha Saint-Péray, 1.5 ha Cornas, 19.5 ha IGP (PGI). He also has a fantastic new cellar, purpose-built and temperature controlled.

Vineyard

In the heart of the Côte-Rôtie appellation, on the commune of Ampuis, is the locality "Bonnivières". A beautiful hillside facing East, preserving freshness and on which is planted part of our old vines. Planted in high density (8,000-10,000 feet per ha). Treatments limited as much as possible depending on the weather, no pesticides to preserve biodiversity, only organic fertilisers. Control of vigour and yield by leaf stripping, debudding in spring and green harvesting for better ripening of the grapes.

Vinification

Manual harvesting and individual plot vinification. Minimum intervention during vinification (indigenous yeasts). In the cellar, sorting, crushing and partial destemming. 3-week maceration in open tanks. Aged for 18 months in barrels.

Style

a complex, profound wine with a nose of dark fruits, spice, tobacco, and a faint roasted aroma. Clean and pure on the palate, revealing a rich rounded style. Long, powerful finish. Silky tannins.

Grape varieties:

100% Syrah

Bottling options: 75cl

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

Closure: Cork

