

# THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

## Cave Yves Cuilleron, Chavanay

### St Joseph Rouge Pierres Sèches



#### 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

A selection of vines expressing the terroir of the appellation. The name of the cuvée refers to the stone walls built without cement, to consolidate the terraced vineyards on hillside. 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 16 months in barrels. Assembly of plots before bottling

#### Style

a fresh, precise, fruity nose. Subtle and taut on the palate, and bursting with lovely fruit. Mild, subtle tannins

#### Grape varieties:

100% Syrah

**Bottling options:** 75cl

**ABV:** 12.5%

**Vegetarian:** Yes

**Vegan:** Yes

**Closure:** Cork

