

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Cave Yves Cuilleron, Chavanay

Condrieu La Petite Côte



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

An assembly of south-facing plots / South-East on the slopes of the communes of Chavanay and Saint-Pierre-de-Boeuf (North of the appellation). Soil: sandy, granitic. 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). Alcoholic and malolactic fermented in barriques with native yeasts. Maturing: 9 months in barriques, on the lees, no racking, regular stirring.

Style

Ripe stone fruits on the nose, as well as zesty citrus and honeyed notes. Gentle acidity gives a balanced finish with good length.

Grape varieties:

100% Viognier

Bottling options: 75cl

ABV: 14.5%

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

Closure: Cork

