

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Cave Yves Cuilleron, Chavanay

St Joseph Rouge Cavanos



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 old vines (20-40 years) from hillside terraces. 'Cavanos' is not a district but a cuvee brand from Chavanay's fields. 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

Nose of intense red and black cherries and blackcurrants. Delicate notes of cedar wood and spice, the texture is velvety, a pure expression of the terroir.

Grape varieties:

100% Syrah

Bottling options: 75cl

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

Closure: Cork

