

THORMAN HUNT

EST. WINE SHIPPERS 1978

Cave Yves Cuilleron, Chavanay

Ripa Sinistra

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

The vines come from the hillside of Seyssuel north of Vienna, on the left bank with soils of quartzitic schists. A very old vineyard, planted by the Romans, that disappeared at the end of the 19th century and was replanted in 1996. "Ripa Sinistra" means Left Bank in Latin. 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. Assembly of plots before bottling.

Style

Aromas of black ripe fruit and spicy notes with a balanced palate. Delicate minerality accentuates the purity of this wine.



Grape varieties:

100 % Syrah

Bottling options: 75cl

Vegetarian: Yes

Vegan: Yes

Closure: Cork

