



ALAIN VOGÉ  
RHÔNE RIVE DROITE  
**Saint-Joseph**  
APPELLATION CONTRÔLÉE  
LES CÔTES

*The Domain Alain Voge has produced Saint-Joseph wines for ten years or so. From the 2015 vintage, our Saint-Joseph takes the name of the locality where it is grown: Les Côtes. This terroir has enormous potential and it is gradually revealing its expression as the vines mature.*

*The average age of the vines in 2023 is 18 years old.*

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*The entire domain is cultivated using organic and biodynamic viticulture.*

#### TERROIR

A very steep granite slope facing South in the “showcase slopes” of Mauves, to the South of the Saint-Joseph appellation.

#### 2021 VINTAGE

An opposite vintage...

The historical frost on April 8th hit our vineyard in Saint-Péray and the bottom of Cornas, after a too hot episode in February. 50 % in Saint-Péray were finally lost, and only 2 wines were produced: Harmonie and Fleur de Crussol, showing a very beautiful quality, coming from the freshness of the season.

In Cornas, the yields of the slopes have almost compensated the missing frozen harvest. The very rainy (896 mm/m<sup>2</sup>) and late season (harvest from September 13th to October 2nd) offer an “old-school” vintage, fresh, delicate and smooth, with lower level of alcohol, but less timelag between alcoholic and phenolic ripeness than in the hot and dry vintages.

#### OUR VINE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

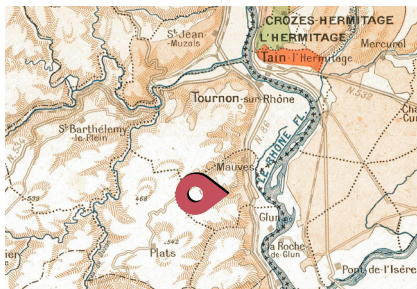
- Organic certification for the vines and wine from the 2016 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Syrah replanted from 1999; vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Hand-picked harvests.
- All of the harvest de-stemmed
- Fermentation with natural yeasts and maceration for three weeks in stainless steel vats, with pumping-over done twice a day and cap-punching depending of the phenolic maturity.
- Maturation in 400-litre barrels for 16 months, with no new barrels.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 86 mg/l total SO<sub>2</sub> (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 4 447 bottles
- Ageing potential: 10 years



#### COMMENTS

2021 vintage: "A beguiling nose of rose, pine resin and incense, very unusual. Crisp and red-fruited on the palate, with surging raspberry acidity. Reminiscent of a blonde-side Côte-Rôtie. Then it's quite light in fruit and tannin on the palate. The oak is quite forthright. An unusual, interesting wine. From a parcel near Mauves, a steep granite slope. No new oak."

Matt Walls, Decanter-(01/10/2022) : **93/100**



#### APPELLATION SAINT-JOSEPH

100 % SYRAH

#### TERRITORY

The appellation: 1 200 ha.  
This wine's plots: 1.1 ha.

#### POSITION

Locality named *Les Côtes*

#### AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2021