



# APPELLATION SAINT-PÉRAY

100 % Marsanne

## TERRITORY

The appellation: 110 ha This wine's plots: 1.5 ha

### POSITION

Locality named La Côte.

## AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2021





This wine was created in 1999 by Alain Voge with the friendly assistance of the late Daniel Denis, sommelier from the Lyon area and an expert representative of Rhone Valley wines. The Crussol mountain range, which gave its name to the wine, is extremely important for the Saint-Péray AOC, because it provides limestone elements essential for making fine white wines.

The entire domain is cultivated using organic and biodynamic viticulture.

## TERROIR

Situated in the place of origin of the appellation above the village of Saint-Péray and aged 80 years, the vines are the oldest of the domain and of the appellation. This slope of granite mixed with limestone colluvium faces South-East. It stands opposite Château de Crussol and the mountain range of the same name.

# 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 slops 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 time lag 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 2009 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Marsanne vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Harvests picked manually, using plastic crates.
- Winemaking with natural yeasts, exclusively in 228-litre and 400-litre oak barrels, 20% of which are new oak.
- The wine is matured on lees for a period of 17 months.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 47 mg/l total  $SO_2$  (150 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 5 536 bottles / 175 magnums
- Ageing potential: 10 years.

#### COMMENTS

**2021 Vintage:** "Not yet bottled and the flagship from Voge, the 100% Marsanne 2021 Saint-Péray Fleur De Crussol offers impressive depth and richness, as well as complexity, in its stone fruits, marmalade, and spicy aromas and flavors. It's balanced, it has plenty of mid-palate depth, and I love its overall purity and precision. It's certainly up there with the top wines in the vintage, but this cuvée always demands a few years of bottle age to show its full potential."

Jeb Dunnuck, (15/12/2022): 91-93+/100

