

ALAIN VOGÉ
RHÔNE RIVE DROITE

Cornas

APPELLATION CONTRÔLÉE

LES VIEILLES FONTAINES



In the locality named “La Fontaine” is a spring that used to supply water to the home of a noble family in Cornas. The wine named Les Vieilles Fontaines was first made by Alain Vogé in 1988 on this superb granite terroir, enhanced by our oldest Syrah vines. Produced only in exceptional vintages, Les Vieilles Fontaines clearly shows the strong character of Cornas and the ethos of our work. The most recent vintages produced are 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022

The 2010 vintage received a rating of 100/100 from Robert Parker-The Wine Advocate: a first for a Cornas wine.

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The entire domain is cultivated using organic and biodynamic viticulture.

TERROIR

This wine, produced solely in superb vintages, comes from a plot of vines aged 80 years old, planted on a magnificent granite terroir. The vines, with their roots set deep down, produce grapes of outstanding expression.

2022 VINTAGE

Back to a hot, dry and early vintage...

The season was definitively scarred by the draught, from May to August. The slope of Cornas had to adapt to this situation with a very small growing, light grapes and lower yield in juice. Very nice Syrahs, but small quantities.

The deeper and clayey historical plots in the feet of Saint-Péray hillsides helped our Marsannes to carry on, and to take advantage of the welcome rain around August 15th! Like a revenge on 2021 frost, with a very beautiful harvest of white grapes at the end...

OUR VINE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

- Organic certification for the vines and wine in the 2016 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Syrah vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Hand-picked harvests.
- Partial destemming with 30% whole grapes.
- Fermentation with natural yeasts and maceration for several weeks in stainless steel vats, with daily cap-punching and pumping over.
- Maturation in 228-litre barrels for 24 months, with 15% to 20% new barrels.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 47 mg/l total SO₂ (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 2 432 bottles
- Ageing potential: 25 years



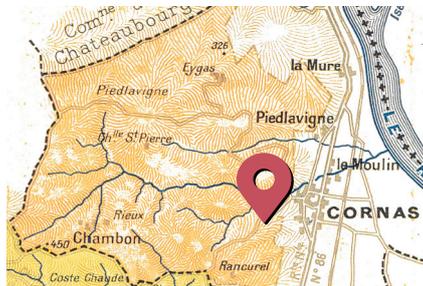
COMMENTS

2010 Vintage: “One of the few perfect Cornas wines I have ever tasted is the 2010 Cornas Les Vieilles Fontaines. Even better than it was last year from barrel, (...), it remains the most backward wine of this trio, boasting an extraordinary black/purple colour as well as a remarkable perfume of spring flowers, crushed rocks, lead pencil shavings, blueberry and blackberry liqueur, licorice and truffles. Deep, full-bodied, tannic and backward with everything perfectly integrated into its personality, this is a monumental Northern Rhone. Give it several years of bottle age and drink it over the following 25-30+ years.”

Robert M. Parker Jr., Robert Parker – Wine Advocate (27/12/2012): **100/100**

2020 Vintage: « It's a more primordial effort, offering layers of black and blue fruits, rose petals, candied violets, bloody meat, and bouquet garni.»

Jeb Dunnock – 16/02/2022 : **96-98/100**



APPELLATION CORNAS

100 % SYRAH

TERRITORY

The appellation: 162 ha.
This wine's plots: 0,9 ha.

POSITION

Locality named *La Fontaine*.

AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2022

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