



CORNAS APPELLATION

100% SYRAH

TERRITORY

The appellation: 162 ha. This wine's plots: 3,5 ha.

POSITION

Slopes of the localities named Combe, Patou, Thézier, Les Mazards, Chaillot.

AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2022





LES VIEILLES VIGNES

This is our classic wine. The oldest of the Domain's wines, it was created during the 1970s to highlight the long-standing family vineyard. Vines for this wine are located in the heart of the appellation, facing those we first replanted. Les Vieilles Vignes is a wine that reflects our history and our winemaking know-how.

Organic and biodynamic methods are used for the entire domain.

TERROIR

Situated on slopes at an altitude of approximately 200 metres, facing South-South-East, the vines of our classic wine are on average 60 years old. Their roots delve deep down into old, worn granite rock, called gores locally.

2022 VINTAGE

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

The season was definitively scarred by the draught, from May to August. The slop of Cornas had to adapt to this 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.
- Total destemming
- · Fermentation with natural yeasts and maceration for several weeks in stainless
- steel vats, with cap-punching and pumpingover done twice a day.
 • Maturation in 228-litre barrels for 20
- months, with 10 % new barrels.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 67 mg/l total $\mathrm{SO}_{\scriptscriptstyle 9}\,(100\ \mathrm{mg/litre}$ authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 12 900 botles /414 magnums
- Ageing potential: 20 years



COMMENTS

2022 vintage: "Darker currants, cassis, sappy flowers, violets, and peppery bouquet garni notes emerge from the 2022 Cornas Les Vieilles Vignes, another powerful, full-bodied Cornas with a great mid-palate, ripe, building tannins, and a great finish. At this point, it's more similar than not to the Vieilles Fontaines, if not a touch richer."

Jeb Dunnuck, 28/03/2024: 95-97 / 100



