



Saint Cosme - "Côte-Rôtie" AOP Côte-Rôtie - red - 2017

Saint Cosme – 2017 Côte-Rôtie
100% Serine (heirloom Syrah).

Whole clusters. Schist in the Le Plomb, Besset, de la Viaillère and de Neve named vineyards.
Aged for twelve months: 40% in new casks – 60% in casks used for one wine.

I have a particular interest in Japan. For cultural, historical and social reasons, this country holds a special place in my heart. After travelling there about twenty times, I sometimes think I know Japan well; usually, the next visit proves to me that this is not so. Côte Rôtie sometimes gives me the same impression and in this respect is akin to Burgundy: the greatness of a terroir can also be measured by the complexity involved in understanding it. My interest in Côte Rôtie has always been this keen: potentially, it contains all the ingredients you would expect of a top vineyard site. It promotes ultimate expression in Syrah. It is where the genetic diversity of Syrah triggers another dimension in soil expression, and where whole clusters make perfect sense. Côte Rôtie is a 'particle accelerator'. 2017 is the latest in an incredible series of excellent vintages since the 'average 2014s'. In fact, 2015, 2016 and 2017 have all promoted good ripening, the prerequisite for producing a top wine. Remember the previous series - 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, only interrupted by 2014. Since temperatures have risen slightly, Côte Rôtie has become the land of milk and honey.

Smoked ham, violet, graphite, cold ash, liquorice.
Bottled without filtration.