



Saint Cosme - "Saint Joseph"

AOP Saint Joseph - red - 2019

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100% Serine (ancient variety of Syrah).

70% Destemmed fruit – 30% Whole cluster fermentation.

Granite sand from Malleval vale.

Twelve months' ageing: 20% in new casks – 40% in casks used for one wine - 40% in casks used for two or three wines.

Saint Joseph is unquestionably France's best defined appellation area. Whatever the topic, drawing a boundary is always difficult – this is true in law, ethics and sometimes for borders and so on. There is no shortage of examples. When it comes to vineyard sites, a winegrower who ends up on the wrong side of the boundary always feels that he or she can legitimately say that there is no difference within a metre or so. When the boundary is properly drawn, this becomes more wrong than right. Although Saint Joseph is extensive for its length, it is entirely made up of hillsides and prime soils. The discipline its winegrowers imposed upon themselves, decade after decade, only classifying the finest vineyard sites, is remarkable – kudos to them. Granite, slopes and austerity are everything here. The northern part of the appellation where we work is certainly a late-ripening area but when the sun takes it upon itself to ripen these ancient selections of Syrah, quality can soar to stratospheric heights. This is what occurred in 2019 when the heat morphed into an ally of the winegrowers of Saint Joseph. The wines are fleshy and profound and they sport crimson/black hues. Aromas of tapenade are entwined with intense, tangy forest fruits... I have been working with the same winegrower in Saint Joseph since the 2003 vintage.

Peony, blackberry, liquorice, mild tobacco.

Bottled unfiltered."