



Saint Cosme - "Côtes du Rhône"

AOP Côtes du Rhône - red - 2016

Syrah. Partially destemmed crop.

Limestone sand, red clay and pebbles on Villafranchian terraces.

Tank ageing.

After the magnificent 2015, here is the superb 2016. In the Côtes du Rhône appellation, I have never seen two vintages of such a high standard in succession. The 2016 may even prove to be better over time because yields were lower than in 2015. I will repeat as many times as it takes that the Côtes du Rhône are an extraordinary winemaking playground for those who like quality. The region combines old vines, magnificent terroirs, fairly low yields and an outstanding climate. Although I am constantly exploring every avenue, I am a huge fan of our two favourite wine areas: Vinsobres and the Villafranchian terraces of the Gard department, both of which are sources for this wine. The Syrah really displayed its exceptional credentials in 2016 with top quality fruit, magnificently intense colour and layered texture. Although this wine is designed for early-drinking, it will be long-lived, which is unusual for the category. This, however, is a consistent feature in the Côtes du Rhône where many terroirs show real pedigree but the collective psyche refuses to grant them the recognition they deserve. It is a huge pleasure for me to allow people, irrespective of how much money they have to spend, to access a wine of this quality because it is essential that you, our clients, continue to enjoy French wine imbued with charm, identity and finesse.

Blackcurrant, truffle, liquorice and wild raspberry.