



Domaine du Colombier

AOC Crozes-Hermitage Rouge

Domaine du Colombier is located in the village of Mercuriol which is just slightly due east of Tain, and next to the hill of Hermitage where they own 1.6 hectares of 55 years old vines. Following their grandfather, Florent and David Viale took over the Domaine du Colombier in 1990. Once dedicated to trading only when the grapes were sold to Guigal until the contract expired in 1991, the two brothers have turned the 12 hectares estate into one of the most important producers around the Hermitage Mountain where they cultivate with organic practices. They mainly grow Marsanne for white wines and Syrah for red wines, with the latter being the only red variety of the appellation.

COUNTRY

France

VARIETAL

100% Syrah

SOIL TYPE

Granite, sandy-slimy, abundant in pebbles

VINEYARD

30 y/o vines planted on 34 acres spread out over the villages of Tain l'Hermitage & Mercuriol

HARVEST

Manual Harvest & Sorting

VINIFICATION

100% destemmed. Maceration for 26 days with pump overs occurring twice each day. 80% of the wine was then matured in demi-muid 600L barrels (20% new, 40% 2nd fill, 40% 3rd fill) while 20% remained in concrete tanks for 20 months.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe black berries, plums, cassis, spring flowers, graphite and a beautiful sense of minerality all emerge on the nose. Medium to full-bodied, this wine has perfectly integrated background oak, and ultra-fine tannins. The palate is fresh, complex and super well balanced.

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