



Northern Rhône

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wine selection

Domaine Gérard Courbis, Vieilles Vignes, AOP Saint-Joseph, Rouge

AOP Saint-Joseph, Vallée du Rhône, France



Domaine Gérard Courbis is based in the village of Mauves, close to the boundary with Cornas. Gérard, sadly, passed away recently but the estate remains in the hands of his sons, Ludovic and Emmanuel, who were already very much engaged in the day-to-day operations of the family estate. The wines are made very much in a traditional and elegant style of Northern Rhône to reflect both freshness and perfume, while retaining a lovely savory edge.

PRESENTATION

Their personal modesty belies their unparalleled talent in crafting organically (although not certified) raised wines that sing of northern Rhône landscapes and summer-ripe flavors, bottles that are not only best in their class but also set an example for elegant, site-specific reds the world over. There is a very high proportion of old vine fruit in the vineyards, with most vines between 40-60 years old.

TERROIR

The estate's vines average 40 years of age and are rooted deep in granite slopes in high lying terraces which can only be harvested by hand. The steep slopes benefit from exceptional drainage, sunshine. Combine this with good vine maturity, and the Courbis' are able to produce unique wines expressing tremendous freshness, melted tannins and yet an almost ethereal style with full-on terroir expression.

WINEMAKING

Aged in half-muids (70%) and oak barrels (30%) for 24 months.

VARIETAL

Syrah 100%

14,5 % VOL.

GM: No.

Contains sulphites. Does not contain egg or egg products. Does not contain milk or milk-based products.

SERVING

16°C / 61°F

AGEING POTENTIAL

Over 15 years

TASTING

This wine captures the essence of hillside vineyard Saint-Joseph, with firm core of minerality wrapped in savory, peppery flavors of smoked meats, olives and herbs, with grace notes of violets, red and black fruits and a touch of fig. While concentrated in fruit and full in body, gamier nuances of leather and graphite add complexity and depth. The finish is zesty and long, coated by soft, feathery tannins and very gently integrated oak. This is wine for pampering yourself, some sort of a bit of a splurge!



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