





# Northern Rhône, Domaine Vendome, Les Bruclas, AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Blanc

AOC Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France

For many of the apricots growers in the Northern Rhône Valley, growing apricots is more than a job, it's a way of life. Most of the orchards have been in families for generations – being passed down over the years along with pride and respect for the land. In 2010, Romain Roudier, managing the family's farming operation, decided to expand in viticulture. With vineyards in production in 2020, Romain built a cellar from scratch and thus rebranded and started doing business as Domaine Vendome.

## **PRESENTATION**

Based in Larnage near Tain l'Hermitage, Domaine Vendome is moving towards an ecological approach. It has been certified organic since the 2021 vintage, and is moving towards an environmental approach, using a minimum of inputs to maximise the soil's biodiversity.

#### LOCATION

Les Pinets (Crozes-Hermitage) & L'Homme (Larnage)

## IN THE VINEYARD

Hand-picked in the morning and sorted by plot

# WINEMAKING

Handpicked in the morning and sorted in the vineyards, fully destemmed and transferred to concrete vessels for a cold 5-day maceration prior to yeast inoculation and a 4-week fermentation at strictly controlled temps. Ageing 90% in stainless steel tanks and 10% in new half-muids for 9 months on lees, malolactic fermentation done.

## AGFING

Aged on fine lees for 9 months. Malolactic fermentation.

# VARIETALS

Marsanne 70%, Roussanne 30%

# GM: No

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

# AGEING POTENTIAL

Enjoy all year long, 5 to 10 years

## **TASTING**

Light, sober and subtle floral aromas to start. An elegant and pleasant wine that finishes with notes of apricots and flowers.

## FOOD PAIRINGS

White meats in cream sauce, frogs with parsley, goat's cheese.

# **REVIEWS AND AWARDS**

**JEB** DUNNUCK

2021: 91 pts **Jeb Dunnuck** 



