



Northern Rhône

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wine selection

Château de Curson, Etienne Pochon, AOP Crozes-Hermitage, White, 2019

AOP Crozes-Hermitage, Vallée du Rhône, France



Etienne Pochon is the refined, slightly reserved owner in the eastern end of Crozes. He used to sell his grapes to one of the local co-operatives, but now makes his own wines from better-than-average fruit. Pochon oversees all elements of production, ensuring that the wine shows all the soft, fragrant plentiful fruit that has gone into it and this ripe and fruity wine shows he was right to go it alone.

PRESENTATION

Along with a handful of other growers, the rather reserved Etienne Pochon has been instrumental in improving the quality and the image of Crozes-Hermitage and is producing some of the region's finest and most elegant wines.

TERROIR

The soils, made up of quaternary gravel, are not very fertile and sloping.

WINEMAKING

Morning harvest, sorting, maceration, pressing and vinification in new barrels for 30% of the cuvée, and in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats for the remainder.

AGEING

Aged in stainless steel vat during 6 months.

VARIETALS

Marsanne 50%, Roussanne 50%

14,5 % VOL.

GM: No.

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

SERVING

T° of service: 12°C / 54°F.

AGEING POTENTIAL

5 to 10 years

TASTING

There's a rocky, refreshingly mineral tone from nose to finish in this full-bodied but elegantly composed white. Lemon and apple flavors are ripe and juicy but briskly balanced. The finish is long and pristine.

FOOD PAIRINGS

Ravioles du Dauphine, quenelles, white river fish, cheese.



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REVIEWS AND AWARDS

"Crozes-Hermitage is the Northern Rhone's biggest appellation covering the rolling hills surrounding Hermitage. Most of the wine is red and made exclusively from Syrah though some very good value whites can be found from the Marsanne and Roussanne grape varieties. Curiously there are only a small band of high quality producers taking advantage of this appellation, among the best would be Graillet, Pochon, Domaine du Colombier and Belle. Jaboulet and the co-operative Cave de Tain dominate much of the land."

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