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Domaine Alain Graillet

Crozes-Hermitage



Crozes Hermitage Blanc

Northern Rhône native, the late Alain Graillet is well-known to wine lovers throughout the world, and is universally regarded as one of the most talented Syrah producers not only in the Rhône, but in the whole of France. In 1985, Alain founded Domaine Alain Graillet just outside the village of Pont de l'Isère, about 6 km south of Tain-l'Hermitage. He is now considered one of the most highly sought-after producers in the Northern Rhône due to his exuberant, robust and impeccably made Syrah-based wines.

The family owns 22 ha of vineyards made up of 30-year-old vines in Crozes-Hermitage that are planted on well-drained, flat alluvial plains between the Rhône and Isère Rivers and two small parcels of 12-year-old vines in St. Joseph planted on hard, granite slopes that produce a slightly fresher, easy-drinking wine. Total plantings include Syrah for reds and Marsanne and Roussanne for whites. The vines are farmed organically with traditional chemical-free vineyard management techniques, and all fruit is hand-harvested and respected based on its expressive terroir.

VARIETAL: Roughly 80% Marsanne, 20% Roussanne.

FERMENTATION: Grapes are pressed upon arrival at the winery. After settling, about 50% of the must is fermented in barrel (1-year-old oak from top Burgundy producers such as Sauzet). The other 50% is given a long, cool fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

The wine avoids malolactic to preserve the acidity and freshness.