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# Domaine Alain Graillot Crozes-Hermitage

## Saint Joseph

It was in 1985 that the late, legendary Alain Graillot, who after working with the venerable Jacques Seysses at Domaine Dujac, came back to his home in Crozes-Hermitage to start his own domaine. With each passing year his devotion to the art of making hauntingly delicious Syrah from his organically farmed, stone-laden vineyards, was rewarded with an ever growing and highly dedicated following around the world. Alain's sons Maxime and Antoine have been in charge since 2008, continuing the legacy set forth by their father.

All the work is still completely the same as it ever was: hand-harvesting, organic farming, whole-cluster fermentation, and aging the wines primarily in 1-to-3 year old barrels purchased from some of the top estates in Burgundy. In great years, the domaine also makes tiny quantities of a barrel selection known as "La Guiraud," a rare and remarkably complex wine of particular distinction. The domaine's status as one of the top addresses in all of France is without question and the entire lineup are must-haves for any serious Northern Rhone fan.

From two tiny parcels in St. Joseph, this is a slightly fresher, more early-drinking wine than the remarkable Crozes-Hermitage that constitutes the majority of Alain's production.

