



## CORNAS APPELLATION

## 100% SYRAH

## **TERRITORY**

The appellation: 162 ha. This wine's plots: 3,5 ha.

## **POSITION**

Slopes of the localities named Combe, Patou, La Côte, Thézier, Les Mazards, Chaillot.

# AVAILABLE VINTAGE

#### 2018



# ALAIN VOGE Rhône rive droite

# Cornas

PPELLATION CONTRÔLÉE

LES VIEILLES VIGNES

This is our classic wine. The oldest of the Domain's wines, it was created during the 1970s to highlight the long-standing family vineyard. Vines for this wine are located in the heart of the appellation, facing those we first replanted. Les Vieilles Vignes is a wine that reflects our history and our winemaking know-how.

Organic and biodynamic methods are used for the entire domain.

## TERROIR

Situated on slopes at an altitude of approximately 200 metres, facing South-South-East, the vines of our classic wine are on average 60 years old. Their roots delve deep down into old, worn granite rock, called *gores* locally.

## 2018 VINTAGE

One more early vintage (harvest started in the last week of August). A very rainy springtime from mid-May to mid-June, with a very heavy mildiou pressure on the St Péray marsannes, mobilized our teams 100% for the phytosanitary protection (organic and biodynamic). A very correct crop in the end, and a high-level vintage in the horizon, despite the uncommon heatwave during the harvesting...

## OUR VINE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

- Organic certification for the vines and wine in the 2016 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Syrah vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Hand-picked harvests.
- Partial destemming with 20% whole grapes.
- Fermentation with natural yeasts and maceration for several weeks in stainless

steel vats, with cap-punching and pumpingover done twice a day.

- Maturation in 228-litre barrels for 20 months, with 15% to 20% new barrels.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 42 mg/l total  $SO_2$  (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production : 15 860 / 450 magnums
- Ageing potential: 20 years



## COMMENTS

2018 vintage: "Moving to the 2018 Cornas Les Vieilles Vignes, this beauty is cut from the same cloth as the Les Chailles yet is deeper and richer, with another level of concentration. Black and blue fruits, ground pepper, violets, smoked game, and loads of spring flower notes define the bouquet, and it has a vibrant, almost old school vibe that carries plenty of power yet still stays light and elegant on the palate. This beautiful, singular wine is open and enjoyable today, yet I wouldn't be surprised to see it close down with a year or two of bottle age. It should see its 20th birthday in fine form."

Jeb Dunnuck, 19/11/2020 : 98/100

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