



ALAIN VOGÉ  
RHÔNE RIVE DROITE  
**Saint-Péray**  
APPELLATION CONTRÔLÉE  
FLEUR DE CRUSSOL

*This wine was created in 1999 by Alain Voge with the friendly assistance of the late Daniel Denis, sommelier from the Lyon area and an expert representative of Rhone Valley wines. The Crussol mountain range, which gave its name to the wine, is extremely important for the Saint-Péray AOC, because it provides limestone elements essential for making fine white wines.*

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*The entire domain is cultivated using organic and biodynamic viticulture.*

## TERROIR

Situated in the place of origin of the appellation above the village of Saint-Péray and aged 80 years, the vines are the oldest of the domain and of the appellation. This slope of granite mixed with limestone colluvium faces South-East. It stands opposite Château de Crussol and the mountain range of the same name.

## 2017 VINTAGE

One more early vintage (harvest started in the last week of August). 2017 was an easy season for the phytosanitary treatments. However, the lack of water all along the year, a short heat wave during the flowering, and an unusual draught in September reduced the attended yield (40 % juice less for the whites and for the reds). Bad surprise, but a very beautiful quality...

## OUR VINE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

- Organic certification for the vines and wine from the 2009 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Marsanne vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Harvests picked manually, using plastic crates.
- Winemaking with natural yeasts, exclusively in 228-litre and 400-litre oak barrels, 30% of which are new oak.
- The wine is matured on lees for a period of 16 months.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 56 mg/l total SO<sub>2</sub> (150 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 7.020 bottles / 140 magnums
- Ageing potential: 10 years.



## APPELLATION SAINT-PÉRAY

100 % Marsanne

## TERRITORY

The appellation: 85 ha  
This wine's plots: 1.5 ha

## POSITION

Locality named *La Côte*.

## AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2016

## COMMENTS

**2016 Vintage:** "Reductive on the nose for now, but this should pass. It's pleasingly easy on the oak this year, with plenty of almond and red apple. Quietly powerful on the broad palate, with a firm, cool mineral streak that brings excellent freshness and structure. There's plenty of silk texture too. This is their best in a long time. "

Matt Walls – *Decanter* (09/09/2017): **94/100**