



ALAIN VOGÉ
RHÔNE RIVE DROITE
Saint-Joseph
APPELLATION CONTRÔLÉE
LES CÔTES

The Domain Alain Voge has produced Saint-Joseph wines for ten years or so. From the 2015 vintage, our Saint-Joseph takes the name of the locality where it is grown: Les Côtes. This terroir has enormous potential and it is gradually revealing its expression as the vines mature.

The average age of the vines in 2017 is 12 years old.

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The entire domain is cultivated using organic and biodynamic viticulture.

TERROIR

A very steep granite slope facing South in the “showcase slopes” of Mauves, to the South of the Saint-Joseph appellation.

2016 VINTAGE

2016 was a standard vintage for our terroirs, with fine weather conditions, but it was a year that forced us to be extremely vigilant to watch out for any attack of fungal disease. Yields were good. Everything was well balanced; the wines are marked by elegance, while conveying the typical character of Cornas and Saint-Péray.

OUR VINE GROWING AND WINEMAKING

- Organic certification for the vines and wine in the 2016 vintage and biodynamic methods used.
- Syrah replanted from 1999; vines trained and pruned in the Gobelet style and supported by stakes.
- Hand-picked harvests.
- Majority of the harvest de-stemmed, 10 to 20% whole grape bunches, depending on the vintage.
- Fermentation with natural yeasts and maceration for several weeks in stainless steel vats, with cap-punching and pumping-over done twice a day.
- Maturation in 228-litre barrels for 16 months, with no new barrels.
- Amount of sulphite reduced: 45 mg/l total SO₂ (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 5.085 bottles / 50 magnums
- 200 half bottles
- Ageing potential: 10 years



COMMENTS

2016 Vintage: “Tasted out of barrel, the 2016 Saint Joseph *Les Côtes* is terrific, with lots of currants, violets, and peppery aromas and flavors. Classic in just about every sense, with medium-bodied richness, pure, clean fruit, lots of minerality and a great finish, it has the fruit to drink nicely in its youth, yet should keep for a decade or more given its balance, purity and tannin.”

Jeb Dunnuck (24/01/2018): **91-93/100.**



APPELLATION SAINT-JOSEPH

100 % SYRAH

TERRITORY

The appellation: 1 200 ha.
This wine's plots: 1.1 ha.

POSITION

Locality named *Les Côtes*

AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2016