



### APPELLATION SAINT-JOSEPH

100~% SYRAH

# TERRITORY

The appellation: 1330 ha. This wine's plots: 1.2 ha.

# POSITION

Locality named Les Côtes

### AVAILABLE VINTAGE

2018



# ALAIN VOGE 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 2020 is 15 years old.

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.

### 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 from 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: 39 mg/l total  $SO_2$  (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 3 162 bottles
- Ageing potential: 10 years

COMMENTS

**2018 Vintage :** « This estate makes a terrific Saint-Joseph, and the last of the barrel samples, the 2018 Saint-Joseph Les Côtes, is another winner. With a beautiful perfume of flowery incense, lavender, spice box, wild strawberries, and blueberries, it hits the palate with medium-bodied richness, a plush, rounded texture, and ripe sweet tannins that make already hard to resist. It's going to just sing with 2-3 years of bottle age and keep for a decade.»

Jeb Dunnuck - (12/12/2019): 90-92/100

