



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.

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 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: 44 mg/l total SO₂ (100 mg/litre authorised in organic winemaking)
- Production: 2 270 bottles
- Ageing potential: 10 years



COMMENTS

2017 vintage: "It's nicely done - subtle use of stems adds detail but the ripe loganberry and blackberry fruit stays front and centre. There are some spicy hints on the finish, but not averly influenced. Ripe, fresh, detailed and balanced, this should please any lover of St-Joseph. Drinking window 2019-2025"

Matt Walls - Decanter (01/11/2018): **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

2017