



Saint Cosme - "Côte-Rôtie"

AOP Côte-Rôtie - red - 2011

100% Serine (ancient syrah). Full clusters. Schistes.

Aged for 15 months in new oak (50%) and one-year old barrels (50%).

At the top of the hill where the slope starts, can be found the highest (altitude) lieu-dit of the Cote-Rotie : this is " Le Plomb ". Le Plomb gives wines of structure, depth and concentration. Let's go a little bit down : now we can see the schiste rocks : this is " La Viaillère ". It is almost incredible that vines can grow in such difficult conditions.

The hand-made stairs, in the middle of the 10 000 plants / ha vine, make us think that many people have been working very hard here. This is the greatest terroir of the Cote Rotie. Let's go down again, direction the Rhone river, in a relatively unknown lieu-dit : " Neve ". This is the little brother of La Viaillère : less impressive, less schistic, less concentrated but from the same breed with the same charm. This schiste path is my place. After spending 15 years vinifying many different lieux-dits in the Cote-Rotie, my opinion is made : I want to work with Le Plomb, La viaillere and Neve. The 2011 had an impressive destiny : quite light at the beginning, it had some austerity which is usually the typical Cote-Rotie enemy. Then the élevage revealed a very good vintage, very intense and balanced. Finally 2011 looks like 2010, just like twins : this is a real Cote Rotie with real aromas of Cote Rotie and a delicious texture.

Cheminee soot, bacon, violet, graphite, cold ash, ancient roses, liquorish. Bottled without filtration.