

Saint Cosme - "Côte-Rôtie" AOP Côte-Rôtie - red - 2013

100% Serine (ancient syrah).

Full clusters.

Schistes from the Viaillère slope.

Aged for 12 months in new oak (40%) and one-year old barrels (60%).

It is possible to talk for hours about the Côte-Rôtie and it is possible as well to keep the silence and taste. Côte-Rôtie when it is good does taste « obvious ». It has to be said again that the Côte-Rôtie looks like Burgundy: like the great Pinots, winemaking is an unsignificant stage for a Côte-Rôtie of great pedigree. With such a great terroir, what count are the viticulture and the ageing of the wine. Our 2013 is about classicism and balance. It gained some density over time in the barrels in order to get its own fullness. There is probably a little more acidity than the 2012 version but the magical softness of the Côte-Rôtie can be easily found. This « schistic » softness is what makes the Côte-Rôtie wines different from its neighbours in the northern Rhône. Like a great burgundian Pinot, a good Côte-Rôtie doesn't need a big concentration to get the style and the magical.

Violet, graphite, cold ash, ancient roses

Bottled without any filtration