



## Saint Cosme - "Côte-Rôtie" AOP Côte-Rôtie - red - 2014

100% Serine (an ancient form of Syrah).

Whole cluster fermentation. Schist soils in the Le Plomb, La Viallière and Neve named vineyards.

Twelve months' ageing: 50% in new casks – 50% in casks used for one wine

Apart from Gigondas, the wine area I like most in the Rhone valley is Côte-Rôtie. Here, like in the finest parts of Burgundy, there is a heightened, powerful and obvious sense of place. The hillside that is home to Le Plomb, La Viallière and Neve is the one that fascinates me: it is capable of expressing finesse and complexity whilst at the same time remaining 'simple'. Just like gourmet cuisine and artistic activities in general, creating beautifully simple things is the hardest. The great terroirs of Côte-Rôtie are the perfect illustration of this. Our 2014 is crammed full of pleasure and is an irresistible temptation for hedonists who will not be able to resist its power of seduction for long! Once again, its aromatic spectrum is a journey of the senses: if you close your eyes, you can easily picture yourself strolling through a rose garden with the sunshine of spring intensifying the scent of the flowers. You could just as easily imagine yourself, though, walking into an old family home at dawn where you can still smell the log fire from the previous night. This year the palate is predominantly suave and sapid. Côte-Rôtie is the only place in the northern Rhone capable of producing such softness. Here, there is no such thing as austerity. The 2014 has filled out during the ageing phase and such a fusion of classicism and pleasure can only be a cause for delight.

Soot, smoked bacon, violet, graphite, cold ash, antique rose and liquorice. Bottled without filtering.