



Saint Cosme - "Côte-Rôtie" AOP Côte-Rôtie - red - 2019

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100% Serine (ancient variety of Syrah).

Whole cluster fermentation. Schist and mica-schist in the Semons, But de Mont, Les Bercherries, Maison Rouge, Rozier, Cote Rozier, Besset and Bodin named vineyards.

Twelve months' ageing: 30% in new casks – 70% in casks used for one wine.

What a vintage in Cote Rotie! It has been a long time since I have achieved such incredible wines. When you taste every cask and every single one is stellar, it's like visualising the palette of colours an artist uses. The different vineyard sites express themselves so precisely and in such a beautiful way that you wonder if this is not the finest terroir in the world. In 2019, the mica-schist displayed the ability to produce finesse suffused with charm and mystery and the wines exude wild blackberry, pencil lead, smoked ham and iodine – pure magic. Then on the palate, the textured softness is entwined with the natural freshness of Serine when it is grown along its most northerly frontier. On no account should you pass up an opportunity to savour the 2019s such are their similarities with their glorious forerunners in 1991, 1999 and 2007. I set off to discover Côte-Rôtie in 1997 and having been a practitioner of this marvellous terroir for 24 years, I believe that slightly hot vintages like 2019 are a good match for the site. After all, its name literally means 'roasted hill'. And if that's not proof enough...

Enjoy this 2019 with beef and truffles.

Smoked ham, violet, graphite, cold ash, liquorice.

Bottled unfiltered. "