

Saint Cosme - "Crozes-Hermitage"

AOP Crozes-Hermitage - red - 2021

"100 % Serine (ancient variety of Syrah).

Destemmed fruit. Granite and clay-sandy soils.

Twelve months' ageing: 20 % in new casks - 40 % in casks used for one wine - 40 % in casks used for two wines.

Smoked ham, wild strawberries, oriental spices and incense.

Bottled unfiltered.

Crozes-Hermitage is all about softness and gentleness. To understand the major difference between the northern hillsides of Saint Joseph (the villages of Malleval, Chavanay and Saint Pierre de Boeuf for example) and the

hillsides of Crozes-Hermitage (Gervans, Erôme and Larnage) you first need an explanation of the difference in climate. There is as much difference in weather between Vinsobres and Crozes-Hermitage as there is between

Malleval and Crozes-Hermitage. This explains why Crozes always offers riper, suppler and 'easier' wines than its northern counterpart.

In 2021, there was admittedly less concentration than usual, but the palate is smooth – the texture cosies up with freshness after delivering a nose of fresh red berry fruits and spices. Lovely noble sourness completes the picture with a core of delicacy."