



Château de Rouanne - "Guérin" - red - 2019

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Grenache - Syrah - Mourvèdre

Pliocene limestone pebbles and clay

Average vine age 50, farmed organically

Traditional co-fermentation in concrete tanks. Wild ferments.

12 months' ageing in demi-muids and Burgundy casks. 15% new – 50% used for one wine – 35% used for two wines

The 'Guérin' vineyard site is located at the bottom of Rouanne hill, around the chateau. This is the domain of reddish clay soils strewn with limestone pebbles – typical red wine country. The soil becomes clingy when it rains. This site brings us full circle in the interpretation of Rouanne's different vineyard sites: the geological diversity and location on the hillside deliver wines with completely different profiles, just like Le Claux, Hominis Fides and Le Poste at Saint Cosme. In 2019, on its first year of 'release', Guérin offers us an unusually styled Vinsobres with captivating characters. Its complex and charming nose of marzipan ushers in a palate showing mesmerising softness. Its very feminine elegance stands in sharp contrast to the powerful 'Les Côtes' or the majestic grandeur of 'Rouanne et les Crottes'. Guérin is an amazing vineyard imbued with a long-standing history of farming and winegrowing – you can feel this as you work there. The style of wines grown here is superb yet at the same time enigmatic – how you can explain why it is so different to its immediate neighbour 'Rouanne et les Crottes'? It makes me revert back to similar questions that arise when you taste the neighbouring sites of 'Hominis Fides' and 'Le Claux'. In any case, after two years' maturation, I am absolutely sure Guérin will work its charm on you the minute you take in a first whiff of the nose. Our great adventure with the site-specific vineyards of Rouanne is just beginning and I am revelling in it.

Marzipan, wild blackberries, coal, violet, salinity.

Bottled unfiltered in August 2021.

NB: Site-specific label available in September 2021