

Condrieu Les Vieilles Vignes, de Jacques Vernay Domaine Stéphane Ogier Rhône Valley, France



Product code	OG38ZZWC
Grapes	Viognier
Country	FRANCE
ABV%	13.3
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Domaine Stéphane Ogier
Vintage	2019



Vegetarian



Producer

Up until 1982, Stéphane's father, Michel, sold all the fruit to local négociants and only began making some wine at the domaine in 1983. All this changed in 1997 with the return of Stéphane after five years' study in Burgundy when he immediately set about increasing the domaine's size with the purchase of parcels of vineyard and unplanted land in Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu and Seyssuel as well as in the Southern Rhône on the Plan de Dieu. His years in Burgundy have heavily influenced his vinification techniques. Stéphane likes to ferment all the parcels separately, now producing 12 different Côte-Rôtie alone. He de-stems the reds depending on the vineyard and the vintage and whilst still maturing most of the range in 228 litre barrels, uses significantly less new oak than in his youth. He looks for tension in his whites, occasionally partially blocking the malolactic fermentation when needed.

Viticulture

From a 17 hectare estate that covers Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu, St. Joseph and the Seyssuel in the Northern Rhône as well as vineyards on the Plan de Dieu and Visan in the Southern Rhône. The vineyards in the Northern Rhône are on very steep slopes, overlooking the Rhône River and with exposures that range from east through to south. The soils are a mixture of granite, gneiss and mica-schist. The grapes the Condrieu 'Vieilles Vignes de Jacques Vernay' come from a small vineyard in the southern part of the appellation at Saint Pierre de Boeuf. The Viognier vines are planted on loose granite soils and are at a density of 10,000 vines per hectare. The vineyard work is done with manually with minimum intervention and the grapes are harvested by hand.