

Syrah de Jonathan, Domaine Rene Favre

Valais, Switzerland



Product code	RF08ZZRC
Grapes	Syrah
Country	SWITZERLAND
ABV%	13
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	John & Mike Favre
Vintage	2015



Biodynamic



Natural Wine



Vegetarian

FAVRE
JOHN & MIKE

Producer

Mike and John Favre form a formidable team and are well known characters in the village of Saint-Pierre-de-Clages in the commune of Chamoson in the Valais region. Following the Rhône River from its source in the Alps, the region has some of the most spectacular vineyards in the world. Situated on the north side of the valley, Chamoson sits on steeply sided vineyards with schist soils. With more sunshine hours than Provence and swept with gentle winds the vineyards are laid out like no other on earth with 5,137 ha owned by 22,000 across 80,000 different parcels, making Burgundy look positively uniform in comparison. The Favres farm 7 ha and lease a further 6 ha covering 78 different plots, primarily located around the village. Petite Arvine is the king here, producing wines of great focus and minerality with the Grande Année Saint Pierre only being produced in the best vintages.

Tasting Notes

Very subtle and refined Syrah. Natural and biodynamic which gives it a wild style. Very elegant. Brimming with wild, dark berry fruits, complemented by well integrated oak that leads into a rich, powerful finish.

Viticulture

As far as we can go back in human memory, the Favre family has always cultivated its vines on property like most Valais families. But it all started with René Favre who attended the School of Agriculture in 1946, the branch was finally becoming more professional. The cellar, after many years of hard work defending and illustrating the noble grape varieties of Pinot Noir and Petite Arvine, has gradually acquired a reputation for excellence that goes far beyond the borders of Valais. Favre vineyards are easily identifiable by the way the vines are planted. Specifically, the vines were planted in two tight rows and a larger row, mainly to promote productivity.



This configuration gives the pickers better access to the grapes. The vines are also more accessible to the specialized machine that removes the excess leaves. Their removal increases air circulation inside the canopy, which prevents rot and other vine diseases. Thanks to this system, the Favres can do without pesticides