

CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES RASTEAU: DOMAINE ST GAYAN

Style

Red, Dry, Full bodied

Region

Southern Rhône

Wine Maker

Jean-Pierre Meffre

Appellation

Côtes du Rhone Villages Sablet, west of Mont Ventoux, 21 kilometres east of Orange.

Cepage

80% Grenache with smaller percentages of Syrah, Mourvèdre and Cinsault.

Tasting Note

A strapping Rasteau with dark ruby colour, copious quantities of chocolate and black cherry flavours and warming tannins.

Serve

Stews, daubes and roasts

Cellarage

This wine appreciates 2-3 years of bottle age from the vintage, but will continue to improve for a further 5 years.

Vinification

Old vines and a minimum of 20 days' vatting at a high-ish temperature ensures concentrated extraction. Each grape variety is fermented separately. The wines spend 2 years in cuve then a further year in oak casks.

History

The Meffres have been vigneronns at Gigondas since the 17th Century. It is now one of the communes finest estates. There are 33 hectares from which Jean-Pierre produces Gigondas, Côtes du Rhône and Côtes du Rhône Villages. The majority of the vines are 50 years old with patches up to 100 years. The gently sloping hills are windswept by the Mistral which, although reducing yields, keep the vines clean and pest free.

