

CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES SABLET: DOMAINE ST GAYAN

Style

White, Dry, Medium 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

40% Viognier, 30% Bourboulenc, 15% Clairette and 15% White Grenache.

Tasting Note

Pale lemon in colour, this wine displays aromas of apricots and orchard fruits prior to a clean, fresh palate with flavours of citrus fruit and pineapple preceding a dry finish.

Serve

A wonderful food wine, especially with roast chicken.

Cellarage

Drinking beautifully now but will age gracefully for 2-3 years

Vinification

The grapes are picked at optimum ripeness from 50-year-old vines and go through the process of malolactic fermentation before being filtered and bottled.

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.

