

CÔTES DU RHÔNE : DOMAINE ST GAYAN

Style

Red, 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

Predominately Grenache Noir (circa 80%) with some Syrah and Mourvèdre and a very little Cinsault.

Tasting Note

A good, firm medium weight 'growers' Côtes du Rhône with a ripe red fruit bouquet, a jammy palate with pleasant spicy and supple tannins.

Serve

Versatile, but at its best as everyday drinking with simple home cooking - roasts and stews.

Cellarage

Always drinks well when released (which is later than most of its peers) but responds well to bottle age.

Vinification

Hand harvested grapes are macerated and fermented in cement vats and racked in used oak barrels for at least a year before bottling.

History

The Meffres have been vigneron 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.

