



DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY La Dame Brune 2019

**Country**

France

Region

Northern Rhône

Appellation

Saint-Joseph AOC

Varietal Blend

100% Syrah

Winemaker

Christine Vernay

Alcohol Content

13.52%

Total Acidity

4.21 g/L

Total Sulphur

65 mg/L

pH

3.7

HISTORY

Founded by Francis Vernay in 1937, Domaine Georges Vernay is located in the heart of Condrieu. The efforts of Francis Vernay were instrumental in the creation of the official Condrieu appellation in 1940. Francis was succeeded by his son Georges, who played a key role in restricting the geographical boundaries of Condrieu. In 1996, Christine Vernay, Georges's daughter, took over as winemaker and General Manager of the Estate. Recognized as one of the great winemakers in France, several of her wines have recently been awarded the coveted 100/100 in top wine publications. This wine is a nod to Christine's influence and her daughter, Emma, who is now an integral part of her winemaking team.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

La Dame Brune is produced from mature 45-year old vines planted on the South-east facing terraces on granite slopes of Saint-Joseph. The vines are cared for manually using organic farming techniques.

Single Guyot pruning. Manually harvested and placed in crates, with grapes at full maturity. Grapes are then partially-destemmed and placed in open barrels for a natural fermentation that lasted 2 to 3 weeks. Maturation occurs in barrels (30% of new wood) for 24 months.

TASTING NOTES

La Dame Brune 2019 presents an exemplary minerality combined with the most beautiful Syrah notes of dark fruits, spices, pepper and black olives. In its youth it has smoothness and a remarkable structure, this is a wine that can be enjoyed for its balance and uniqueness, which extends the pleasure.

