



DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY Les Terrasses de l'Empire 2020



Country

France

Region

Northern Rhône

Appellation

Condrieu AOC

Varietal Blend

100% Viognier

Winemaker

Christine Vernay

Alcohol Content

13.5%

Total Acidity

2.68 g/L

Total Sulphur

91 mg/L

pH

3.71

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.

Les Terrasses de l'Empire* translates to The Terraces of the Empire, where it is organically farmed and naturally fermented.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

The vineyard is planted on deep gravel soils, and is VSP trellised and Guyot pruned, with an average vine age of 20 years. Mild Mediterranean, with a cooling influence of afternoon breezes from the Pacific Ocean.

The natural fermentation takes place in 20 HL oak vats of clear juice after static, temperature controlled must settling. The fermentation itself takes between 4 to 5 weeks. The wine is then aged in both oak barrels and vats.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has aromas of peaches, apricots, a hint of acacia flowers. Very mineral, a slightly iodized saline effect coming from the granite to biotite soil, gives this wine a very airy side which compensates for the legendary lack of acidity of the viognier.

ACCOLADES

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