



DOMAINE GEORGES VERNAY Terres d'Encre 2020



Country

France

Region

Northern Rhône

Appellation

Saint-Joseph AOC

Varietal Blend

100% Syrah

Winemaker

Christine Vernay

Alcohol Content

13.28%

Total Acidity

3.46 g/L

Total Sulphur

58 mg/L

pH

3.73

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.

Terres d'Encre (translated to 'Lands of ink') is a wine worthy of its name.

VITICULTURE/VINIFICATION

This wine comes from a 1.5 ha vineyard with 40 year old vines. The vineyard has exposed terraces with vines planted on granite soil in the municipality of Chavanay. Mechanization is impossible on the very uneven and steep vineyard, so the vines are cared for manually using organic farming techniques. Vines are pruned using the cordon de royat system.

Grapes are harvested manually, then destemmed before vinification in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats for a fermentation period of 2 to 3 weeks, then aged for one year in the oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Dark fruits, liquorice, subtle spices, red pepper, chocolate, woodlands, woody notes. It presents the spicy structure and body of the estate's fine wines.

