

THE SOURCE

Producer	Domaine Rousset
Wine	2016 Crozes Hermitage Blanc
Region and Country	Northern Rhône, France
Varietal(s)	Marsanne
Terroir	Bright and seductive, this medium weight Marsanne comes from an average of 70 year-old vines on the loess dominated hills of Erôme, just north around the bend from Hermitage on the Rhône River. It's all on granite bedrock, but often too deep beneath the sometimes meters high loess deposits that in some sections the vine roots may not at all contact with granite. The creamy, off-white sandy loess soils are thick, reflective and strongly structured, due to its crystalline makeup. While Stéphane crafts some of the most well-made and complex reds from Crozes-Hermitage, many local vigneronns give him the nod as the top in whites.
Soil	Granite bedrock and deep loess topsoil. Loess is a wind-blown sandy soil with a crystalline structure that is often calcareous.
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes Technical Precision Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Average of 70 years (2019); The oldest parcel was planted in 1923 Altitude(m); Aspect 150-170; South to Southwest
Vinification	These hand-picked Marsanne grapes are whole cluster pressed upon arrival to the cellar, tank settled overnight and racked into stainless steel vats and a 40-hectoliter foudre (about 20% of the blend). The fermentation is natural and the malolactic fermentation is inhibited to maintain more freshness in the wine.
Aging	The wine is aged in the same 40-hectoliter foudre and stainless steel vats for about eight months before bottling.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Enological Additions	Sulfites

Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions	Elegant, Supple, Salty, Mineral, Mildly Glycerol, Honeysuckle, Spice, Full Body		
Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)
pH	Residual Sugar (g/L)
Total SO ₂	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High

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