THE SOURCE DOMAINE ROUSSET NORTHERN RHÔNE



2022 CROZES HERMITAGE BLANC, VIEILLE VIGNES

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Stéphane Rousset's vineyards are in Crozes-Hermitage's northern communes of Erôme, Gervans and Crozes-Hermitage, including the legendary Les Picaudières. The hill structures and soil types differ significantly throughout the appellation with various exposures on moderate to very steep rock terraces. Rousset's Marsanne grows mostly on loess topsoil and granite bedrock. The Crozes-Hermitage red wine terroirs are largely on granite with some variations of igneous and metamorphic rock. Across the river, in Tournon, two adjacent blocks of St. Joseph grow on extremely steep granite slopes. Whites are whole cluster pressed, fermented in concrete, mostly aged in steel without malolactic with remaining in oak. The reds are partial stem inclusion and are fermented in steel and then racked to barrel or tank where they age for about a year.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Rousset's Crozes-Hermitage Blanc is 85% Marsanne and 15% Roussanne from many parcels between Gervans and Erôme with 45 years average age (2023) on soft/medium steep terraces with mostly south-west expositions at 140-180m on granite and loess bedrock with mostly loess topsoil.

CELLAR NOTES

Whole-cluster pressed and naturally fermented and aged in 50% steel and 50% old barrels. It passes through malolactic and is filtered with diatomaceous earth (a natural product) prior to bottling.















