



JEAN-LUC COLOMBO SAINT-JOSEPH "LES LAUVES" (Name of Cezanne's Workshop)

Hailed as the winemaking wizard of the Rhône, Jean-Luc Colombo has achieved a high-profile international reputation for making innovative wines that are original, memorable and bursting with personality. Despite a resolute aversion to change in the Cornas region, Colombo has brazenly introduced innovative methods in his vineyards and throughout the production process based on a respect for nature and his fundamental belief that good wine is the culmination of three key elements: terroir, human endeavor and modern winemaking techniques.

The result? A more accessible style of Rhône Valley wines, reflecting an exuberance of fruit and depth of expression and showcasing the full potential of the Syrah grape when grown in the unique terroir of Cornas. Through his intense dedication, Colombo has brought the wines of Cornas into the international limelight.

The company now embraces wines representing major appellations of the Rhône Valley as well as the Languedoc and Roussillon regions of southern France.



PRODUCTION AREA

Country: France
Region: Rhône Valley
Appellation: Saint-Joseph AOC

Grapes are hand-picked from 60-year-old vines on a single vineyard site of steep granite terraces. Located in the southern area of the Saint-Joseph appellation in the northern Rhône Valley. All work in the vineyards is done manually and without the use of pesticides or irrigation, respecting the local environment.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Syrah

WINEMAKER

Jean-Luc Colombo, considered a « Revolutionary Enologist » by Robert Parker, works closely with his wife, Anne and daughter, Laure to craft award-winning wines from the South of France.

PRODUCTION TECHNIQUES

Grapes are picked manually. The fermentation consists of 3-4 days of pre-maceration, 7 days of fermentation and 3 weeks of post-maceration. The juice is free run, and the wine is aged for 12 months in 15% new oak and the rest in 1 to 4 year old barrels. The wine is fined just before bottling, and is unfiltered.

DESCRIPTION

Color: Deep ruby red

Aroma: Full-bodied and concentrated, with aromas of black currant, blackberry, spices and mocha

Taste: An intense wine with notes of black cherry, bay leaves, cloves and roasted coffee beans

ANALYSIS

Alc.: 13.0% RS : <1.0 g/L pH : 3.62

SERVING SUGGESTIONS

Excellent with barbecue food, roast beef, leg of lamb and venison.

BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml

